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BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

NATIONALIST UNIFICATION.

TWO ACHIEVEMENTS.

Extension in Influence of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek.

PEKING PREPARATIONS TO COUNTER NANKING ATTACK.

Two reports from North China point to achievements by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in his task of uniting the various Nationalist armies under his supreme command preparatory to a grand fling at Peking, in conjunction with the "Christian General." A General whose command he took away is stated to have accepted a staff appointment under him. By itself this has little significance, but it shows that Chiang Kai-shek's influence is extending. Another General who was afraid to carry out his orders in Wu-Han is now said to be ready to do so, indicating that Chiang Kai-shek's will is likely to be imposed on Central China.

From Peking comes the news of the first steps to counter-attack. Generals in the Ankuochun Army have been given appointments with "anti-Red" attached to the titles and the effect is imposing, at least on paper.

"ANTI-RED" UNITS.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
A report from Nanking says that it has now been definitely confirmed that General Tan Yen-kai will be appointed commander-in-chief of the 4th Army Group in the Nationalist Army, consisting at present of all the units in the "Western Army" and all provincial forces in Hunan and Hupeh provinces.—Reuter.
[Note: A wireless message yesterday said that Tan Yen-kai was chary of taking up the appointment given him by Chiang Kai-shek because he was doubtful of his reception at the hands of the "Western Army" leaders.]

Unison Now?
The "Western Army" comprises several army corps which set out from Nanking a few months ago and overthrew the then Hankow Nationalist Government which was in opposition to Nanking. Remnants of the Hankow army (for convenience called the Hunanese) have been pursued by the Western Expedition, the commanders of which have, until recently, shown little disposition to obey Chiang Kai-shek. It is believed that they have now come to an agreement with Chiang Kai-shek and may, therefore, accept a commander-in-chief of an Army Group, over their heads.

His "Own" Army.
The provincial troops include the Hunanese and other local detachments.
Tan Yen-kai was the first commander of the 2nd Nationalist Army. His subordinate succeeded him when he became a leading politician in the Nationalist Party. This 2nd Army is now Shansi, 370 miles above Hankow, and may still be willing to support him. If Tan Yen-kai does take up the appointment Chiang Kai-shek will have made much progress in the course of uniting the Nationalist armed forces under his direct control.]

ANOTHER GENERAL.

Said To Be Willing To Accept.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
It is stated in Nanking that General Ho Ying-ching has announced his acceptance of the post of Chief-of-Staff in the Nationalist Army.—Reuter.
[Note: Ho Ying-ching has been Chiang Kai-shek's most powerful supporter. Surprise was occasioned a few days ago when it was reported that Chiang Kai-shek had taken the command of the 1st Nationalist Army away from him, that the 1st Army had been incorporated into a group of army corps, and that Ho Ying-ching was to be given the position of Chief-of-Staff. A subsequent cable from Chinese sources mentioned the new post as Chief-of-Staff of only the 1st Army Group, and not of "all the Nationalist forces," the former being in effect inferior to the command of the 1st Army.
If it is true that Ho Ying-ching has consented to accept, Chiang Kai-shek's prestige will have

CUSTOMS CHANGES.

Nanking Appoints Own Commissioners.

NO REFERENCE TO "I-G-?"

Recommendations By Mr. Maze Of Shanghai.

Nanking, Yesterday.
The Director-General of Customs Administration (in the Nanking Nationalist Government) recently approved of several changes in the appointments of Commissioners in the Chinese Maritime Customs, made upon the recommendations of Mr. F. W. Maze, the Commissioner at Shanghai, as follows:—
Mr. A. G. Bethell (formerly at Soochow) to Lappa (opposite Macao), replacing Mr. F. W. Carey who is retiring.
Mr. T. Jissuji (formerly Assistant at Nanking) to Soochow.

IN ERUPTION.

Terrifying Experience In Japan.

Tokyo, To-day.
Asamayama was in eruption yesterday afternoon. It was the most deafening and severe action in eight years, shaking the surrounding villages and terrifying the inhabitants. Large boulders were emitted. There were no casualties but considerable damage was done to property.—Reuter.

[Asamayama is one of the Japanese volcanic cones which is almost perpetually smoking.]

chow for two months, replacing Mr. Bethell.

Mr. F. de P. M. P. Marti (hitherto Assistant at Wuhu) to be acting Commissioner at Wuhu, in place of Mr. T. A. M. Castle who has been granted sick leave.

In connection with the above, it is pointed out that "the contract between the Inspector-General of Customs and the Ministry of Finance, since the establishment of the Nationalist Government, has been maintained through the office of the Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai and the procedure continues to be followed."

Leave Postponed.

The Customs administration of the Nationalist Ministry of Finance announces that Mr. F. W. Maze, the Commissioner at Shanghai, has been instructed to postpone his furlough, "pending settlement of various important Customs problems."—Reuter.

[Note: Mr. Maze is the senior official in the Chinese Maritime Customs and the Nationalist Government is more favourably inclined towards him than it is towards Mr. A. H. F. Edwards, who was appointed acting Inspector-General by the Peking Government after the latter had "dismissed" Sir Francis Aglen.]

Ironies or the Hunanese having been averted, the Canton Government is now devoting considerable attention to provincial finances. Local commanders have been accused of not remitting collections back to Canton and, accordingly, steps will be devised to ensure uniformity.

Interest in Communist activities has again been roused by a further rising at Pinghshek and Ichang (two towns on the Kwangtung-Hunan frontier). Nothing has been done to cope with the Swabue Soviet (in the Hoifung and Lukung districts). In the Han River basin and also in the hinterland of Swabue, Red agents are busy and extremist peasants are reported to be plotting. Although there has been no outbreak, uneasiness still prevails in certain parts of Hainan Island.

TWO MINISTERS.

Appointments Made by Nanking Nationalists.

Nanking, Yesterday.
The Nationalist Government has made the following appointments:—
Mr. Hsueh Tu-pi to be Minister of the Interior.
Mr. Yi Pei-chi to be Minister of Agriculture and Mining.—Reuter.

AT GENEVA.

Arbitration and Security Conversations.

BRITISH PROPOSALS.

Each Delegation To Prepare Its Own Report.

London, Yesterday.
The text of the draft convention on arbitration and security proposed by Britain was issued to-day at Geneva.

It is as follows:—The Committee on arbitration and security, after studying the introduction to the memoranda on arbitration and security and the articles of the covenant submitted by the Chairman, declares its concurrence in the views therein enunciated.

That, firstly, the covenant itself creates a measure of security which needs to be appreciated at its full value and that its articles are capable of being applied in such a way that in the majority of cases they can prevent war.

That, secondly, the common will to the peace of the council and States members can be exercised effectively within the framework of the covenant, all the more so because that instrument does not provide any rigid code of procedure for the settlement of international crises, and that it is therefore inexpedient to attempt to draw up in advance a complete list of measures for preserving international peace.

That, thirdly, those nations which consider that the general measure of security afforded by the covenant is inadequate for their needs must at the present moment regard the conclusion of security pacts with other States in the same geographical area as



Lord Cusshenden.

the only practical possible form of supplementary guarantee.—British Wireless Service.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The League arbitration and security committee has abandoned the idea of a general arbitration treaty in favour of bilateral treaties.

"It is inexpedient to attempt to draw up in advance a list of measures for preserving international peace," declared Lord Cusshenden in submitting the proposal to a committee he contended that the League covenant created a measure of security that its articles were generally capable of preventing war and members of the League could more easily exert that common will to peace within the framework of the covenant because it was an instrument not provided with a rigid code of procedure for the settlement of an international crisis.

Lord Cusshenden advocated regional treaties for States who could not find adequate security within the covenant and intimated that the British Empire could not accept arbitration without reservations. He was ready to submit justifiable cases to arbitration and suggested the creation of a commission of conciliation on the Canadian and American model for the settlement of political questions.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.
The Committee on Arbitration and Security concluded their general discussion yesterday and detailed consideration of the rapporteurs' memoranda began. Representatives of Belgium, Canada, Sweden, Yugoslavia, Argentina, Chile and Holland expressed their views yesterday and a new German memorandum on

BANNED FILMS.

Activities In Screen World.

IRISHMEN OFFENDED.

Germans And Roman Catholics Among Objectors.

London, Yesterday.
Bannings and rumours of bannings are re-echoing in the film world. The suppression of the Cavell film has been followed by an announcement that the film "Mare Nostrum," a U-boat war picture, has been withdrawn by the renters as some incidents depicted offended German susceptibilities. The film, "The Callahans and Murphys," has been withdrawn because the renters understood it offended Irishmen at the trade show.

The official German film, "The

DRIZZLE OR MIST.

Windy And Generally Cloudy.

N.E. winds, fresh, generally cloudy, some drizzle or mist, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.
The depression has deepened and is now central over south Hokkaido. The anticyclone is now central near Shanghai. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

World War Through German spectacles," which the British censorship passed, has been postponed owing to the Cavell film controversy. Renters state it will be shown later when things are quieter.

Berlin, Yesterday.
Simultaneously the film "Martin Luther," depicting the life of the reformer, was shown to a capacity "house" in Berlin but was prohibited in Bavaria because it offended the susceptibilities of Roman Catholics.—Reuter.

LATE EARL ERROLL.

FUNERAL RITES AT COBLENZ.

London, Yesterday.
The funeral of the late Earl of Erroll, the British High Commissioner, in the Inter-Allied Rhine-High Commission, who died suddenly on Monday, took place at Coblenz to-day. Baron Langwerth von Simmern, Reich Commissar for the occupied territories, represented the German Government. Among telegrams of condolence received by the widow was one from the German Government.—British Wireless Service.

the prevention of war was presented.

Particular interest was shown in the advocacy of Dr. Fiddell, the Canadian delegate of the Permanent Conciliation Commission. He put forward a proposal of his Government that States with special geographical difficulties should establish a permanent commission of an equal number of eminent citizens for purposes of investigation.

17 Years' Experience.
Canada and United States had had 17 years' experience of such joint commission and every decision taken during the last 18 years, including many of great importance and covering a variety of subjects, has been taken unanimously. In such a commission there was great value in permanence and equality of numbers. Mutual confidence and impartiality were inspired. The state of affairs between Canada and the United States showed how absence of armed forces prompted confidence and removed fears and suspicions.

To Report.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The conclusions of the discussions of the Committee on Arbitration and Security are being drafted by a committee appointed by Dr. Benes (chairman) and the under-Vice-Chairman.
The British, French, Italian, German, Japanese, Polish and Argentine members are to make a general report with a view to the eventual formulation of the necessary draft conventions.—Reuter.

ARMS FOR CHINA.

Warning To German Shippers.

THE "POLITICAL SITUATION."

Herr Stresemann Refers To Companies' Promises.

Berlin, Yesterday.
Herr Stresemann in a letter to the German East Asiatic Union, acknowledges their members carried out their promise given in April last not to despatch war material to China from German ports or aboard German vessels and emphatically warns all German firms not to participate in shipments of arms to China owing to the political situation there.—Reuter.

A BULLY?

A CANTON VILLAGE COMMANDANT.

EXTRADITION APPLICATIONS.

The two Chinese of Seungun village, Tungmoon, whose extradition for alleged attempted murder is asked for by the Canton Government, were again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Evidence for the defence was called to show that the complainant in the case, who was the commandant of the village volunteers, was a self-appointed bully who levied unfair taxes on the villagers and killed those who refused to pay him.

One of the witnesses was the mother of a young villager who was alleged to have been killed by the complainant because he advised his aunt to refuse to pay the tax. It was explained that the former commandant only levied a tax of 30 cents per cultivated acre, whereas the complainant, when he took over the command by force, levied a tax of \$5 per acre.

Local Hawker.
A Hong Kong hawker who said that he owned land in the village and went home when his mother wrote to him about the new tax, said that he was one of those who refused to pay the tax. He saw several people who refused to pay killed and he himself escaped a similar fate by hiding amongst some hay and escaping from the village at night. The two fugitives were also amongst those who refused to pay, and they escaped by swimming the river at night. This, according to the witness, happened in August last year.

Mr. Russ argued that the offence, if any, had been committed by the fugitives at all, was a political offence. Villagers had a right to resist the unfair taxation of a self-appointed bully who had no authority to hold the post of volunteer commander. He submitted that the case was not one for extradition.

Mr. Lindsell pointed out that whereas the alleged shooting of villagers took place in August, the offence charged against the fugitives was alleged to have been committed in June. Therefore he held that the fugitives had a case to answer.

His Worship made an order for the fugitives' committal to Victoria Jail to await an order from H.E. the Governor. His Worship stated, however, that the fugitives would not be removed until after 15 days had elapsed, and they could appeal to the Supreme Court for a rehearing of the case if they so desired.

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MARCH 15 HEARING.

The case in which Mr. L. E. Haynes sues Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, managing editor of the "China Mail," for \$1,000 damages for alleged libel was again mentioned at the Summary Court weekly case fixing session this morning.
Mr. el Arculli, for the defendant, said that plaintiff had supplied him with everything he required (at last week's session, plaintiff was ordered to supply particulars in writing to defendant).
His Honour Mr. Justice J. R. Wood fixed Thursday, March 15 at 10 a.m. for date of hearing, this being subject to there being no Full Court session on that day. Plaintiff was present in court in person.

PROPERTY DEMAND.

Conditions Reviewed at Meeting.

"TERRITORIAL ESTATES."

Improvement Reflected In Year's Accounts.

A definite improvement in the demand for landed property in the Colony was reported at the annual meeting this morning of the Hong Kong and Territorial Estates Ltd. over which Mr. R. G. Shewan presided.

This improvement, stated the Chairman, was reflected in the accounts which although showing a loss, were considerably better on last year's.

Mr. Shewan was supported by Messrs. T. G. Weall, E. M. Raymond, and J. Scott Harston, (members of Consulting Committee) Mr. A. Braun (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. A. Botelho, H. Dreyer, A. Keith, J. Toppin, A. L. Shields and W. Adamson.

Chairman's Speech.
The chairman addressed the meeting as follows:—The depression in business which ruled when I addressed you this time last year, has given way to a small but definite improvement in the demand for landed property in the Colony, and this improvement is reflected in the accounts laid before you which show a loss of \$147,254.02 for 1927, as compared with \$271,812.00 for 1926.

Our houses at Kennedy Town are practically all let, although the rents give but a very poor return. "St. George's" Building shows a fair return on its cost, and I am glad to say that there is at the present moment a good demand for storage accommodation on our property at Yau-mat; but as I told you last year, this land cannot be made profitable unless it is developed by further capital.

Referring to the Balance Sheet you will notice that loans on mortgage have been reduced to \$2,937,500, by paying off the mortgage of \$416,500, on the Kennedy Town property, and to enable us to do this and so meet payments of interest on mortgages, 78,834 Seven per Cent Cumulative Preference Shares were issued, bringing the total Preferred Capital up to \$1,435,840.

"Capital Interest—Suspense Account" which was merely a cross entry has been deleted.
No Dividends Yet.
The total loss to 31st December last now stands at \$740,646.21, and it is quite evident that the Company cannot have any hope of paying Dividends until the present load of interest is removed, or at least greatly reduced, and our Directors are now considering how that can best be done.

I now propose that the Report and Accounts to 31st December, 1927, as presented be adopted and passed, that the Balance at debit of Profit and Loss Account of \$749,646.21 be carried to New Account. When this has been seconded I shall be ready to answer any questions by shareholders.

Other Business.
The adoption of the report and accounts was seconded by Mr. T. G. Weall.—Carried.
There being no questions, Mr. A. Botelho proposed the re-election of Messrs. J. Scott Harston, T. G. Weall and E. M. Raymond as members of the Consulting Committee. Mr. H. Dreyer seconded.—Carried.
Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$500 each on the proposition of Mr. A. Keith seconded by Mr. J. Toppin. This concluded the business of the meeting.

BOY MURDERED.

THE KENNEDY ROAD CRIME.

MERCHANT'S NEPHEW.

In connection with the murder of the young Chinese student, Fung Man-chiu, in Kennedy Road as reported yesterday, it has since been learned that the deceased was a nephew of Mr. Fung Fook-tien, a prominent Chinese merchant and managing director of Messrs. Kwong Sang Hong, the well-known local Chinese firm of perfume and toilet articles manufacturers.

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Office of the Public Works Depart-
ment, by Order of His Excellency
the Governor of one Lot of Crown
Land at Shamshuipo in the Colony
of Hong Kong, for a term of 75
years, commencing from 1st July
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No. of Lots	Boundary	Area	Area	Area	Area	Area	Area	Area	Area
Lot No.	Boundary	Area	Area	Area	Area	Area	Area	Area	Area
1	Lot 1122	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
2	Lot 1123	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
3	Lot 1124	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
4	Lot 1125	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
5	Lot 1126	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
6	Lot 1127	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
7	Lot 1128	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
8	Lot 1129	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
9	Lot 1130	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
10	Lot 1131	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5

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F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1928.

**HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ORDINARY YEAR-
LY MEETING of the SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Corporation will
be held at City Hall, Hong Kong,
on SATURDAY, the 25th February,
1928, at Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Court
of Directors together with a State-
ment of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1927.

The REGISTER of SHARES of
the Corporation will be CLOSED
from MONDAY, the 13th February
to SATURDAY the 25th February,
1928 (both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of shares
can be registered.

By Order of the Court of
Directors,

A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th February, 1928.

**HONG KONG & TERRITORIAL
ESTATES, LIMITED.**

THE FOURTH ORDINARY AN-
NUAL MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS in the Company will be
held at the Office of the Company,
"St. George's" Building, No. 7,
Connaught Road, on FRIDAY, the
24th February, 1928, at 11 o'clock
a.m. for the purpose of receiving
a Statement of Accounts and the
Report of the General Managers
for the year ended 31st December,
1927, and electing a Consulting
Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
THURSDAY, 16th February, 1928,
until FRIDAY, the 24th February,
1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 15th Feb., 1928.

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p.m.

HORSE'S DINNER.**STARVING ANIMAL COVERED
WITH ICE.****PRISON FOR OWNER.**

For what the Wood Green
Magistrate described as a revolt-
ing case of cruelty Tom Smith, of
Mansions Farm, Walthamstow,
was sent to prison for a month.

An Inspector said he found
the horse in a field of slush and
mud at New South Gate. It was
crouching in a corner, shivering
and very wet, and it ate the food
he gave it ravenously. He added
that one of its eyes had been
gouged out.

A labourer named Matthews, of
Pembroke Road, New Southgate,
said he saw the horse in the field.
There was nothing for it to eat.
He gave it some water, and at
night took it to the side of a pri-
vet hedge, believing that it would
be warmer there. The next morn-
ing the horse was covered with
ice, and was standing on ice.

At Paper Wrapper.

He wiped the ice off, and at din-
ner time he gave the horse his
dinner of bread and meat and jam
tart. It ate this food, and also
the paper in which it had been
wrapped. It had not been fed for
three days.

Smith said he could not find
stable accommodation for the
horse. He was a caravan dweller.
He fed it three times a day. It
was the first horse he had had.
Sir Wm. Rice (the Magis-
trate): And may it be the last.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.
February 22, 1928.

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Mr. G. G. Bingham.
Mr. Joseph E. L. Fyons.
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Messrs. A. F. Henry, Fred A.
Hill, E. Hunt, C. A. Henderson,
J. E. Hope, Capt. T. P. Hall.
Mr. J. E. Joseph, Mrs. Johnson.
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LONDON via Singapore, Suez, Marseilles & Ports.
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ATSUTA MARU Saturday, 10th March.
KASHIMA MARU Saturday, 24th March.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Port.
TANGO MARU Wednesday, 21st March.
AKI MARU Wednesday, 25th April.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
SADO MARU Tuesday, 28th February.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.
ANYO MARU Thursday, 15th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Port.
KAWACHI MARU Wednesday, 29th February.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
TAKETOYO MARU Saturday, 10th March.
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Port.
LYON MARU Saturday, 10th March.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
YAMAGATA MARU Friday, 2nd March.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
AKI MARU Friday, 16th March.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
LIMA MARU Saturday, 25th February.
TOYOHASHI MARU Saturday, 25th February.
NAGANO MARU (Mojito direct) Sunday, 26th February.
HAKODATE MARU (Mojito direct) Wednesday, 29th February.
SUWA MARU Monday, 5th March.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S REPORT AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S RETURN.

The arrival of vessels recorded at the Harbour Office to-day (Feb. 24) altogether totals 17 vessels of which include:—11 British vessels, 2 Japanese and 2 Norwegian vessels, 1 Chinese and 1 French vessel.
The cargo imported to this Colony by the above number of vessels, totals 16,555 tons of which amount the 11 British vessels imported 12,971 tons, which is a vast improvement to the cargo amount imported of late.

The through cargo tonnage (for ports beyond) amounts to the low total of 9,893 tons. The British vessels contributed 4,950 tons to this total. Of this above figures, the best return for cargo imported to this port, was shown by the s.s. "Phorus" (British) from Turakun, —A.P.C.—3,591 tons oil fuel.

The highest through cargo for ports beyond, was contributed by the s.s. "Bessa" from Vladivostok, Dairen, —Thorsen & Co.—7,223 tons sugar.

The passenger list for to-day as registered at the Harbour Office is as follows:—556 Asiatic deck passengers; 42 Asiatic cabin; 11 European cabin. Total 609 passengers.

Departures.
For Swatow:—Van Hentz, Kwoong Tung, Hydrangea, Dell Maru.
For Shanghai:—Autolyus, Hupeh.

For Tientsin:—Chusan.
For Haiphong:—Mondogo.
For Mueno:—Tak Hing.
For K. C. Wan:—Chung Hing.
For Mirzapore.
For Singapore:—Wing Hong, Geistan.

For Manila:—Bessa, Mishima Maru.
For Takao:—Batavia Maru.
For Canton:—Tanjer, Szechuen.
For Keelung:—Sodegaura Maru.

Clearances.
There were 4 clearances from this port yesterday, to ports beyond, as recorded at the Harbour Office.

Shipping Abstract.		In
Arrivals	Departures	Port.
British	11	9
Japanese	2	4
Norwegian	2	3
Chinese	1	2
Dutch	0	1
French	1	0
German	0	0
Portuguese	0	0
	17	19

BABY ON BUOY.

The Master of the s.s. "Bessa" (Thorsen & Co.) reports to the Harbour Master, that on arrival from Dairen, to this port on the 23rd inst., a corpse of a baby was found on a buoy he was to moor on. Later the police removed the body. The "Bessa" will proceed to Manila to-day.

32,500 TONS.

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Noteworthy as the world's largest motorship with a tonnage of 32,500 tons, the "Augustus" is now in service on the Navigazione Generale Italiana Co.'s run to South American ports from Italy. The ship, which was built by the Ansaldo S.A., at Sestri Ponente, is also noteworthy as being the largest ship built and owned in Italy, the largest on the South American run, and the biggest powered Diesel-engine ship afloat. In appearance, the ship maintains the conventional outline of a steamship, and has two large funnels of normal design. The four main engines were designed to develop 6,250 h.p., and on trials the ship attained a speed of approximately 19 knots.

1,700 Tons of Fuel Oil.
The hull is divided into nine watertight compartments, and there are five continuous decks. The double bottom has nine tanks, and the greater proportion of these is utilized for carrying fuel. Altogether over 1,700 tons of fuel oil are accommodated in the double-bottom tanks, and 2,500 in the deep tanks forward and aft of the engine-room, making a total of over 4,200 tons. If it is desired, sufficient oil fuel can be carried for a round voyage from Genoa to Buenos Aires and back.

Principal Dimensions.
The following are the principal dimensions of the ship:—

Length overall—710.4-ft. (216.60 metres).
Length b.p.—664.5-ft. (202.6 metres).
Beam moulded—82.6-ft. (25.2 metres).
Depth from keel to bridge—97.8-ft. (29.8 metres).
Draft fully laden—30-ft.
Deadweight capacity—10,500 tons.
Gross tonnage—32,649.83.
Net tonnage—19,512.56.
Number of engines—4.
Total machinery power—25,000 to 28,000 s.h.p.
Speed—19-20 knots.

MARINE COURT.

BOAT MISTRESS FINED.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. Geo. F. Hole, R.N., Marine Magistrate, a case was heard, in which the mistress of a passenger boat No. A2158V of Kong Kong, was charged with unlawfully committing a breach of the conditions of her luggage pass by carrying 10 baskets of rice, 2 baskets of food, and 2 baskets of vegetables on the 23rd inst. Accused admitted the charges and was fined \$3, with the alternative of 3 days' hard labour.

NO BROKERAGE.

Sydney, Jan. 4.
The Australian Commonwealth Shipping Board announced to-day that, as the Federal Government had decided that the Commonwealth Line should be sold by public tender, brokerage would not be paid on the sale in any circumstances.

For the information of inquirers, the Shipping Board has prepared a statement which indicates that the ships are to be sold, together with their tackle, apparel, gear, spare gear, furniture, and equipment.

Profit in British Registry.

Arising out of the publication in London of an extract from the joint committee's report alleging that the annual loss on the Commonwealth line was \$800,000, of which only \$220,000 could possibly be saved under the British registry, leaving a \$580,000 deficit, the Australian Press Association understands that prospective tenderers have been authoritatively informed that the last six months' working justified an actual prospective profit of \$300,000 under the present organisation but on the British registry.

TWO DEATHS.

The Master of the s.s. "Anking" (British) reports to the Harbour Master that while on a trip from Singapore to this port, two passengers died of berri-berri.

For use in conjunction with a new railway project in India, a service launch built in Bengal is to be fitted with a Brooke 28-h.p. six cylinder marine motor.

ROUND THE WORLD.

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Under mail contract with the Japanese Government ten regular sailings a year have so far been maintained from Japan to Buenos Aires, Argentina, via Hong Kong, Singapore, Colombo, Durban, Cape Town, Rio de Janeiro and Santos, in outward voyages and from Buenos Aires to Japan via Santos, Rio de Janeiro, New Orleans, Galveston, Panama and Los Angeles, on the homeward trip with two steamers (10,000 tons gross each) and three motor vessels (7,500 tons gross each) recently built on modern lines in every respect.

Excellent Service.

On account of the excellent service shippers and passengers have availed themselves thereof, and in order to meet the increasing demands of all concerned, it has been decided by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha that further improvements in the service will be made by replacing the two steamers above mentioned with two motor vessels, which are to be built on the lines of the motor vessels already in use, with further possible innovations, and to be put on the berth towards the end of next year. A rough idea covering these new vessels is given as under:—

(1) Gross tonnage—9,500 tons with cold storage of 350 tons.
(2) Passenger Accommodation—1st Class, 60; 3rd Class, 950.
(Modern equipment for passengers is installed in each class.)
(3) Speed 17 knots.
In the event of five uniform type motor vessels being built a monthly round-the-world service will be started, taking only 45 days and 53 days from Kobe to Santos and Buenos Aires respectively.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nellie" left Shanghai for this port on February 21 at noon, and is due here to-day.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Shanghai on Feb. 21 at 12.30 p.m. left Shanghai on February 22, at 9 a.m., and was due at Hong Kong this morning. She will sail for Manila to-morrow, at 6 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kiddereport" left Mojito for this port on February 20 at 7 a.m. with the Mails, and is due here on February 26 at about 6 p.m.

The D. & Co. M.V. "Romolo" sailed from Penang on Feb. 21, and is due here on March 1.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Tugela" sailed from New York on January 16, and is due here on March 9.

The M.V. s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Hamburg on January 27, and is due here on or about March 10.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Bolton Castle" sailed from New York on February 4, and is due here on March 25.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Venezia" sailed from Port Said on Feb. 20, and is due here on March 29.

The D. & Co. M.V. "Toledo" sailed from New York on February 13, and is due here on April 12.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
HAWAII MARU Saturday, 24th March.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CELEBES MARU (Calls on Karachi) Monday, 5th March.
BORNEO MARU (Call at Penang) Monday, 19th March.
INDUS MARU (Calls at Penang) Tuesday, 20th March.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
PANAMA MARU Friday, 2nd March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
KASADO MARU Saturday, 25th February.
TACOMA MARU Sunday, 26th March.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.
ALABAMA MARU (from Shanghai) Monday, 5th March.
HAIPHONG—Via HONKOW & PAKHOI.
TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 28th Feb. 10 a.m.
MENADO MARU Tuesday, 13th Mar. 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
HAYRE MARU Sunday, 26th February.
JAPAN PORTS
TEIKOKU MARU Wednesday, 29th February.
AMUR MARU Friday, 16th March.
KORANG Via SWATOW & AMOY.
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 26th Feb. 11 a.m.
KAIJO MARU Sunday, 4th Mar. 11 a.m.
TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.
DELI MARU Thursday, 8th March 10 a.m.
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THAT CANTON VISIT.

Surprise will be occasioned if
an official communiqué is issued
after the visit of Sir Miles Lam-
pson to Canton. Accustomed to
being left in the dark, the public
of Hong Kong is unlikely to com-
plain if the British Minister
returns to Peking without any
announcement about his con-
versations with representatives
of the Canton Provincial Govern-
ment. Some news may trickle
through, however. If it does, it
will be from unofficial or semi-
official Chinese sources. Such
may be satisfactory, but Britons
in China as well as in Hong Kong
would be more satisfied if they
had their own version. We have
appealed more than once to the
Government to use its discretion
in matters of this kind. Our
claim is that the public is en-
titled to a measure of informa-
tion. Confidence has to be main-
tained in some essentials but a
broad outline of the discussions
can do no harm. Not that any
momentous question was due for
settlement by Sir Miles. We have
our Consul-General stationed at
Canton and he is always in con-
tact. But the fact that a Minis-
ter Plenipotentiary is received by
the head of the Canton Govern-
ment is important enough to war-
rant a departure from established
procedure.

It is well to recall that at this
time last year, Mr. O'Malley was
in conference with Mr. Eugene
Chen at Hankow. Because the
subject of negotiation was of
vital consequence to British in-
terests, each stage was disclosed
as far as circumstances permitted.

People were nervous. Absolute
secrecy then would have called
for indignation but just protest.
Times have changed. The out-
look has improved materially.
Our relations with the Chinese
are better defined and harmony
between Canton and Hong Kong
is openly acknowledged. And
because prospects are encourag-
ing, the cause of friendship will
be served better by publicity than
by reticence.

One subject that we feel cer-
tain has been discussed is piracy;
coastal piracy from Bias Bay, and
river piracy from a number of
haunts in the provincial water-
ways. Nothing has occurred to
change the views we have held
for years. Responsibility rests
with the Canton Government.
Canton can reach the root of the
evil effectively. Garrisons will
have to be stationed permanently
at points where pirates are known
to resort — but Canton has not,
for one reason and another, done
anything yet. The British Navy
is still performing its duty, has
helped in the past, and will help
legitimately in the future if asked
to. Will Sir Miles Lampson be
able to obtain an assurance from
General Li Chai-sum that action
will be taken? Action reasonably
soon, on the presumption that
more pressing matters from Can-
ton's point of view will have
been attended to in the interval? Other matters may be delved into.
Avenues in which Hong Kong
may be able to help Canton can
be explored. Loan possibilities;
railway construction such as the
loop line to connect the Canton-
Kowloon and Canton-Hankow
railways (mentioned in the Strike
Conference of 1926); capital for
developing mineral wealth;
closer co-operation between the
respective Police authorities,
and many other topics might be
discussed profitably, but we are
afraid that very little will be told
to an interested public.

Propaganda Methods.

An insatiable craving for
notoriety has been the undoing of
many a man. Those who have
been undone provide the excep-
tion to the rule that "boost" is a
necessary adjunct of success. We
live in an age of advertisement.
Modesty has been decried as the
stumbling block to progress.
Publicity is invaluable, and its
value has been recognised in
China. One of the first appoint-
ments of a new Government now-
adays is that of chief of the pro-
paganda department. There is
no doubt that propaganda—under
Russian direction—was one of the

most powerful of weapons used
by the Nationalists when Chiang
Kai-shek started out on his quest
of fame in 1926. After two years
of constant use, Nationalist pro-
paganda methods are not now so
effective. Apparently, the Na-
tionalist leaders have still to re-
cognise this. They continue to
spend large sums in dry-as-dust
publicity. They go so far, in
fact, as to do what is not done in
other countries, or at least in the
Occident. War plans which one
supposes will be jealously guard-
ed are broadcast, presumably to
revive the hopes of those in
doubt. Immediately after the
Kai-feng conference, China's mil-
lions are told exactly how Peking
is to be attacked. Is that propa-
ganda, publicity, notoriety, or
just a bit of self-advertisement
on the part of Chiang Kai-shek
and the "Christian General"?

DURING LENT.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

The following special course of
Sermons will be preached at St.
Peter's Church, at the Morning
Service during Lent.

26th February—(First Sunday in
Lent). "Christ, the Revealer of
the Nature of God." Rev. E. W. L.
Martin, M.A.

4th March—(Second Sunday in
Lent). "Christ, the Revealer of
true Human Nature." Rev. H. V.
Koop, M.A.

11th March—(Third Sunday in
Lent). "Christ's Hate of Sin and
Love of the Sinner." Rev. N. V.
Halward, M.C., M.A.

18th March—(Fourth Sunday in
Lent). "Christ, the Source of
Forgiveness." Rev. N. Evans, M.A.

25th March—(Fifth Sunday in
Lent). "Christ, the Source of
Power." Rev. W. T. Featherstone,
M.A.

1st April—(Palm Sunday).
"Christ, the Redeemer." Rev. E. K.
Quick, M.A.

8th April—(Easter Sunday).
"Christ, the Triumphant Victor."
Rev. N. V. Halward, M.C., M.A.

On all the Thursdays during Lent
there will be a celebration of Holy
Communion at 7.15 a.m., in St.
Peter's Church (as well as on Holy
Days). It is hoped that members
of the congregation will avail them-
selves of this opportunity of com-
ing to Holy Communion in the
middle of the week.

Cathedral Services.

During Lent, the following
course of Sermons will be preached
in the Cathedral at Evensong, by
the Rev. H. V. Koop, M.A.

26th February—Ideas of God.
4th March—Discovery of God.
11th March—Sharing Life.
18th March—God in the Form of
a Man.

25th March—"Follow Me."
1st April—"The Way of Life
through Death."

On Wednesdays in Lent, at 5.30
p.m., a course of Sermons will be
delivered by the Rev. R. T. Venn,
R.N., in the Cathedral.

29th February—The Meaning of
Sin.

7th March—The Meaning of
Punishment.

14th March—The Meaning of
Repentance.

21st March—The Meaning of
Forgiveness.

28th March—The Meaning of
The New Life.

LOCAL MUSICALS.

PLEASING PROGRAMME AT
HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

Another of the popular musicals
was held at the Helena May In-
stitute yesterday afternoon, in the
presence of a large and apprecia-
tive attendance.

The programme was of modern
music, and the performers were
Mrs. Cashman, who offered some
piano solos, and Mrs. Clements,
who sang very appealingly.

Mrs. Cashman, who is one of
Hong Kong's best pianists, en-
raptured the audience with her ex-
quisite selections, and well deserved
the enthusiastic applause and de-
mand for an encore.

Mrs. Clements's pleasing voice
was greatly enjoyed. She had
come specially from Canton to take
part in the musicals, and the re-
ception she had fully compensated
her for undertaking the trip.

Mrs. Hargreaves-Brown was ac-
companied for Mrs. Clements's
songs and she added in no small
measure to the success of the
songs given by the singer.

The next musical at the Insti-
tute will take place on March 8.

Without retiring, the jury re-
turned a verdict of "not guilty" at
the Criminal Sessions case yester-
day afternoon in which a Chinese
was charged with robbing the
master of a Chinese fishing junk of
\$30 in money and clothing. Case
against prisoner consisted largely
of his identification by the junk
master and mistress. On the other
hand, prisoner gave evidence of be-
ing somewhere else at the time. In
addressing the jury, His Lordship
commented on the consistency of
the prisoner's story from the time
of his arrest.

LOCAL WEDDING.

MR. W. R. ANDREWS & MISS J.
WYNNE.

YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY.

St. John's Cathedral was the
scene of a pretty wedding yester-
day, the parties being Mr. W. R.
Andrews, son of the late Mr. W. R.
Andrews and Mrs. E. M. Disney, of
Great Yarmouth, Norfolk; and Miss
J. Wynne, daughter of the late Mr.
Hugh S. Wynne and Mrs. H. F.
Bunjee, of Hong Kong.

The bride is well-known among
the younger fraternity and the
bridegroom, who is on the office
staff of the Harbour Office, is a
keen rugger player and athlete.

The service was conducted by the
Very Rev. A. Swann.

The bride, who was given away
by her stepfather, looked charming
in a dress of mirror velvet lined
with flesh-coloured georgette, and
trimmed with orange blossom, with
a girdle of pearls and diamonds, and
a tulle veil with a wreath of orange
blossom. She carried a sheaf of
arum lilies.

Miss Evelyn O'Hagan, brides-
maid, was dressed in pale lavender
satin beaute trimmed with net, and
carried a bouquet of sweet peas.

Masters Henry Bunjee and
Robbie Glen were pages.

The bride's mother was attired
in champagne georgette trimmed
with lace and hat to match.

The best man was Mr. A. C.
Groves, of the Hong Kong and
Shanghai Bank.

Friends of the young couple
were entertained after the cere-
mony at a reception held at the
Hong Kong Hotel, the bride and
bridegroom later leaving for Macao
and Canton for their honeymoon.

Among those present were
Comdr. G. F. Hole, Harbour Mas-
ter, Comdr. Newell, D.S.O., Assist-
ant Harbour Master, Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Hillyer, and Mr. Taylor, rep-
resenting the various branches of the
Harbour Department and Mr. Ma
U, representing the Chinese Staff of
the Harbour Department.

MR. C. E. E. USHER.

C.P.R. PASSENGER TRAFFIC
MANAGER.

Further information about Mr.
Charles E. E. Usher, General Pas-
senger Traffic Manager of the
Canadian Pacific Railway, whose
death at Montreal on Wednesday
has been briefly reported in the
"China Mail."

Mr. Usher was 70 years of age.
He was born at Niagara Falls, and
entered the railway service in 1874
as a clerk in the auditors' office of
the Great Western Railway, subse-
quently becoming a clerk in the
general passenger department; then
chief ticket clerk of the Watash,
St. Louis & Pacific Railway; and
then rate clerk of the Chicago &
Atlantic Railroad. In 1883 he went
into business at Hamilton, Ontario.
Three years later he became chief
ticket clerk to the Canadian Pacific
Railway, after which he was assist-
ant general passenger agent, gen-
eral passenger agent (eastern
lines), and assistant passenger
traffic manager until in September,
1922, he was appointed General
Passenger Traffic Manager.

COMING MARRIAGE.

The forthcoming marriage is an-
nounced and will take place at St.
John's Cathedral on April 7, be-
tween Cameron de Saille Robertson,
of Hong Kong, and Miss Edith
Yates Rowlands, youngest daughter
of the late Herbert Rowlands and
Mrs. Mildred Rowlands, of Carmar-
then, Wales, and Sidney, N.S.W.,
Australia.

TWO HIGHWAYMEN.

An amah employed at No. 56,
Chatham Road, Kowloon, reported
to the police last night that about
7.30 p.m., she was returning home
from the Kowloon Dock along Dock
Street when she was accosted by
two highwaymen. One of them
snatched from her wrist a gold
mounted rattan bangle, whilst the
other took a pair of earrings and a
gold hair press. The jewellery
stolen was worth \$35.

CONSUL'S CAR.

According to the police reports
this morning, Mr. Roberto A.
Vallarino, Consul-General for
Panama, has reported that about
6.30 p.m., yesterday whilst he was
driving his motor car No. 1855 in
Salisbury Road, the left rear tyre
suddenly burst. This caused the
car to swerve and it collided with
a lamp post at the corner of Han-
kow Road. The standard was
knocked down and the car damaged.

"PRAPS-PRAPS NOT!"

The oculist was examining a
patient and had requested him to
read the bottom line of a test card,
the letters of which ran:
H P R T V Z D F H K.

When some moments elapsed the
specialist said: "Are the letters too
small for you to see?"

"Oh, I can see the letters all
right," replied the patient, "but I
can't pronounce the word."

Generous Stranger: "Will you
have another pint? (No answer).
I say—will you have another
pint?"

Yokel: "Don't 'ee ask silly ques-
tions. Order it."

"Well, John," said the great
physician to a young colleague who
had just started, "how's your
practice?"

"Well, replied the young man, "in
the mornings practically no one
comes, and in the afternoons the
rush falls off a bit."

Boarding-House Proprietress:
"I'm afraid I shall have to give you
notice. You're not quite what I
want."

Cook: "Oh, ma'm! And I under-
stood the boudoirs liked my cook-
ing very much indeed."

"They do. That's just the
trouble!"

The director of the local zoo was
away on holiday, when he received
the following note from his chief
assistant:—

"Everything all right, except that
the chimpanzee seems to be pin-
ning for a companion. What
shall we do until your return?"

Mistress: I'm having rather a big
crowd to dinner on Tuesday, cook.
Cook: Ah, you must write and
let me know 'ow you get on!

Tommy, aged 7, came into his
father's study, sniffing.

"What's the matter, son?" de-
manded his father.

"I have just had a terrible scene
with your wife," responded Tommy.

Small Boy (to stranger who has
rescued him): Thank you, sir! I'm
jolly glad you pulled me out, sir.
I should have got into an awful
row at home if I'd been drowned!

"I'm going to be a minister,"
said Tommy, forcibly.

"Why, Tommy?" asked his
father.

"So's I can talk in church!" he
said.

His father had taken Wee Wullie
to the theatre, and in his eagerness
to get a front seat in the gallery
Wee Wullie fell over into the pit!

His father leaned anxiously
over the gallery rail, and called
out:

"Coom back here, Wullie, fer
gudeness sake! It's a hauf a croon
extra doon there!"

Two Irishmen, just landed in
Australia, were camping out in the
bush. When they retired for the
night they were attacked by swarms
of mosquitoes, and took refuge
under the bed-clothes. At last one
of them ventured to peep out, and
seeing a firefly exclaimed:

"Sure, it's no use, Pat—there's
one of those crathurs looking for
us with a lantern!"

"Did you write this poem unaid-
ed?" the Editor inquired of the
young poet.

"I did," said the latter. "I
wrote every line of it."

"Then I am very pleased to meet
you, Lord Tennyson, I thought you
died years ago."

It was the first time that a
bishop had visited the village for
many years, and the yokels were
curious to see what he looked like.
His gaiters made a great impres-
sion, but not so great as that made
by his hat.

"Look, Garge!" cried one yokel
to another. "Look at them little
strings on 'is 'at! What's them
for?"

Garge was puzzled, but replied:
"Why, them's 'is wireless aerials,
o' course!"

Circus Man (hunting for run-
away elephant): Have you seen a
stray animal roundabout here?

Farmer Giles: O' have. There's
been an injur-rubber bull eating
my carrots with its tail.

Mrs. Meannun: Oh, Mister Skin-
ner, save me! There's a mouse in
the kitchen! Whatever shall I do?

Underfed Lodger: Shut him in
the pantry and let him starve to
death!

"The guilty conscience is not in
the dock, but is hiding somewhere
in the Surrey hills.—Defending
Council at a Surrey Quarter Ses-
sions' trial."

She: My grandmother weighed
only two pounds when she was
born.

He: I say, how frightfully stain-
ing!—and did she live?

STOLEN LAMPS.

YOUTH'S ENTHUSIASM FOR WIRELESS.

FINE IMPOSED.

A Chinese student living at No. 3, Ying Wa Terrace was charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning with the theft of high tension lamps, accumulators and other wireless fittings worth \$300 from the General Electric Company of Queen's Building.

Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Investigation, told the Magistrate that the accused had been a regular customer of the Company for some time. He had frequently visited the place and had bought wireless fittings to the value of \$100. About the same time that the accused started to visit the Company, some fittings were regularly missed, but the accused was never suspected.

Early this week, however, the accused again visited the Company and asked to be shown some wireless parts which had just arrived from England. After the accused left, some of these new fittings were missed, and as none of the new cargo had been disposed of, the accused was suspected. The police were informed, the accused's house was searched, and all the fittings which had been stolen from the Company were discovered.

Charge Not Pressed.

Mr. King said that the General Electric Company did not wish to press the charge provided an order was made for the restitution of the property. In the circumstances, the police were also not pressing the case.

The accused had been a student of Queen's College, and Mr. King understood that he was the holder of a scholarship. The headmaster of the school gave the accused a very good character. He (accused) was of a good family, his father being at present in Central China, whilst his uncle, with whom he lived, was connected with the Chinese Government.

Mr. Horace Lo who appeared for the defence said that he did not have much to add to Mr. King's statement except to say that the accused had made certain inventions, which experts in wireless said were good, and suggested that the accused's act was prompted by his enthusiasm for the science rather than criminal instinct. He suggested that a fine would meet the case.

The Magistrate agreed with this suggestion and imposed a fine of \$50.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

LADY CLEMENTI DISTRIBUTES PRIZES.

THE AFTERNOON CEREMONY.

Lady Clementi gave away the prizes won at the Horticultural Society's show yesterday afternoon, the results of which were announced yesterday.

Lady Clementi was introduced by the President of the Society, Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, who thanked her for her attendance and H.E. the Governor for the interest he took in the welfare of the Society.

The thanks of the Society were also due to those who helped in different ways, especially Lieut. Col. Bird and the officers of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps for the loan of the building and parade ground, to those who generously contributed to the prize fund, to the judges of the exhibits and the kind ladies who had undertaken the dull task of filling in the prize cards, especially Mrs. Hall, Miss Wells, Miss Robinson and Miss Tse.

Mr. Beavis made particular mention of the work of the joint secretaries, Mr. J. H. Plummer and Mr. A. Tse whose labours had made the show such a success. To Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, an ex-Secretary, the President extended his thanks for valuable services to the Society.

Although the exhibits were not perhaps as numerous as in previous years, Mr. Beavis said he thought the Society could congratulate themselves on the high standard particularly as the weather had not been favourable for growers this year.

Referring to membership, Mr. Beavis commented on an increase owing to the appeal by Mr. Dowling last year. The membership was still not high enough, however, especially when one considered the useful function carried out by the Society.

In conclusion, Mr. Beavis said that Mrs. Dyer and Mr. Ho Koon-tong had kindly offered to sell certain exhibits for the benefit of the Society's funds.

After Lady Clementi had distributed the prizes, she was presented with a souvenir by Mrs. Beavis.

\$100,000 GRANT.

FOR KAI TACK AERODROME WORK.

COUNCIL REFERENCE.

The allocation of \$100,000 by the Imperial Government towards the cost of the aerodrome for commercial aviation which is being built at Kai Tack reclamation was mentioned at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday, the matter arising out of a question by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

H.E. the Governor stated that \$70,000, if possible, was to be contributed this year and \$30,000 on the satisfactory completion of the work.

Other business included the appointment of the Standing Law Committee (consisting of the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., Chairman, the Hon. Mr. Mc. Messer, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall and the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard) and the approval of a resolution by the Colonial Secretary altering and increasing the scale of fees payable for Publican's licences in respect of extensions of hours of business.

Licence Extensions. The alterations were in accordance with the following scale:—For the first hour of the extension stated in a Class A permit, \$50; For each and every subsequent hour of the extension stated in a Class A permit, \$100 (additional); For the first hour of the extension stated in a Class B permit, \$25; For each and every subsequent hour stated in a Class B permit, \$50 (additional).

The resolution also stipulated the following consequential amendments to the schedule of fees set forth in the Second Schedule to the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911:—

(1) The following paragraph is inserted in the first column, next after paragraph (b) under "Publican's licence":—

And in addition to the above fees and in respect of each and every extension of hours of business granted by the Captain Superintendent of Police in respect of any occasion deemed by him to be a 'special occasion', the following further fees:—For the first hour of the extension stated in a Class A permit, \$50; For each and every subsequent hour of the extension stated in a Class A permit, \$100 (additional); For the first hour of the extension stated in a Class B permit, \$25; For each and every subsequent hour stated in a Class B permit, \$50 (additional).

(2) The words "Further fees—In advance," are inserted in the second column opposite the foregoing paragraph.

Naturalization Ordinance. The Attorney General moved the first reading of an Ordinance to amend the Naturalization Ordinance 1902, and to provide for the revocation of naturalization rights in certain cases. He said: The object of the Bill is to apply to local naturalization the powers of revocation which exist in regard to Imperial naturalization. It also provides that any person naturalized locally who leaves the Colony and becomes naturalized in some foreign state shall automatically lose his local British status. This is also taken from the Imperial legislation with regard to Imperial naturalization. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

The Jurors List.

The Jurors List was considered in camera at the end of the meeting.

SHOOS OFF THIEVES.

Two Attempts On Sir Cunningham's House.

Burglars made two futile attempts in the early hours to enter the house of Sir Thomas Cunningham, in Hertford Street, Park Lane, W.

"The first attempt," said Lady Cunningham, "was frustrated by a neighbour of ours, who looked out and saw two men scrambling up a ladder. She shouted, and they ran away."

"Apparently they had attempted to enter the house from Down Street, using a couple of ladders for the purpose. One ladder was placed against a wall and the other they laid across two roofs to form a bridge."

"About 3 a.m. they returned again, and my neighbour again heard them. This time they tried to force an entry on the ground floor, but when police officers from Vine Street arrived they could find no trace of the would-be burglars, although the building was surrounded and a thorough search made."

Letters of administration have been granted in respect of the local estate of the late Mr. R. A. Black, Chief Engineer of the s.s. "Kow Chow," who lost his life in the course of a piratical attack on the river steamer last year. Estate in Hong Kong amounted to \$500.

KU KLUX KLAN.

TO ABANDON HOODED HEAD DRESS.

NEW ACTIVITIES.

Washington, Yesterday. The notorious secret society known as the Ku Klux Klan has formally abandoned the use of the hood as part of their terrorist insignia and proposes, under a new name, to devote itself to "new and enlarged activities in national life."—Reuter's American Service.

SERVICE ESTIMATES

SAVINGS IN TWO SENIOR BRANCHES.

London, Yesterday. It is stated that the estimates for the Services when presented to Parliament will show a total saving of between four and five millions sterling the major portion of which will be effected by the Admiralty. The Air Force estimate will remain approximately the same as a year ago while there will be a reduction in army figures of an amount which is variously given as half a million to one million sterling.—British Wireless Service.

GOOD GOING.

MOTORING AT 206 MILES AN HOUR.

Daytona Beach, Yesterday. In making an exhibition run Malcolm Campbell negotiated a measured mile stretch at an average speed of 206.797 miles an hour.—Reuter.

MINERS' M.P.'S.

SACRIFICE OF £50 TO HELP COALFIELDS.

In view of the depression in the coalfields, the miners' representatives in Parliament have agreed to forgo £50 of the salaries paid them by the Miners' Federation. This decision was announced by Mr. A. J. Cook at a meeting of the executive of the federation in London, under the presidency of Mr. Herbert Smith.

"Representatives of the Miners' Federation in Parliament," said Mr. Cook, "receive as a salary £650, plus £10 for incidental expenses. After a sympathetic interview with members of the miners' group it has been decided that the salaries of the members representing the miners shall be reduced to £600, plus £10 for incidental expenses."

[The system adopted by the M.P.'s concerned is that their Parliamentary salaries are paid to the Federation, from whom they receive the sums stated.] The Miners' Federation of Great Britain has thirty-nine representatives in the House of Commons, who received from their federation under the old scale a total of £25,740. The federation will pay under the new scale an annual total of £23,790 for its M.P.'s. The thirty-nine members are:—

Messrs. J. E. Sutton, J. A. Parkinson, T. Greenall, S. Walsh, R. Smilie, G. H. Warner, F. Varley, J. Potts, T. Cape, F. Lee, Wm. Whiteley, J. Lawson, J. Ritson, R. Richardson, J. Batey, J. Tinker, W. Paling, T. Williams, J. Guest, Fred Hall, T. W. Grundy, W. Lunn, G. Hirst, G. H. Hall, D. Watts Morgan, Well John, D. R. Grenfell, W. Jenkins, V. Hartshorn, T. I. Hardy Jones, G. Barker, C. Edwards, Evan Davies, J. Brown, W. W. Watson, W. Adamson, D. Graham, J. Westwood, and J. Sullivan.

Mr. G. A. Spencer was elected as an M.F.G.B. representative, but has since left the Federation. Mr. Hugh Murrin, a Scottish M.P., was run by the Scottish Mine Workers' Association.

WATT'S KETTLE.

SCIENTIST SHATTERS LONG CHERISHED BELIEF.

Another cherished English belief—that Watt invented the steam engine after seeing steam lift a kettle lid—has been destroyed by a scientist. Professor E. N. de C. Andrade, lecturing in London.

Watt, as an instrument maker, repaired the model of a Newcomen engine, he said, and by his examination of this was led to design a more efficient engine, in which steam, having been expanded to low pressure in other parts of the engine, did work by virtue of the partial vacuum created by a condenser. "It was that principle," applied in every economical reciprocating or turbine engine to-day, which placed England ahead of all her rivals in the nineteenth century.

TRIVIAL THEFT.

WAGE, PENSION AND BONUS SACRIFICED.

AFTER 43 YEARS.

A theft of sausages and cloth will cost a London, Midland, and Scottish Railway parcels agent, of Manchester, £7,000.

This was explained at Manchester Police Court, when Tom France, the agent, was fined £25 on each of two charges of stealing a carton of sausages and a package containing shirts and cloth.

Mr. Cobbett, defending, said that France would lose his salary of £600 a year.

"In two years' time," added Mr. Cobbett, "he would have been entitled to a bonus of £900 for his forty-three years' service, and also a pension of £300 a year afterwards. Reckoning the value of the pension at £4,500 with that added to other emoluments, he will lose £7,000."

Recognition Deserved.

The Magistrate said that it was rather an injustice to deprive France of his pension in addition to the punishment he had to receive at the court.

"There has been a recent case of this kind pointed out by Mr. Bernard Shaw," he added, "in the case of a postal servant, and I think that at any rate this man deserves some recognition from his employers for his long years of service without anything against him until now."

The Magistrate, in finding France, said that he was taking into consideration the disastrous results of the case on France, apart from the conviction.

The amounts in the case were trivial, although the charge was serious enough. It was his first offence.

After the penalty had been imposed, France asked if the Court could help him with reference to his superannuation.

The Stipendiary: I am afraid I have nothing to do with that.

MR. WM. BRACE.

FORMER MINERS' LEADER RETIRES.

Mr. William Brace, once a prominent miners' leader, and for some years Chief Labour Adviser to the Department of Mines, has retired from that position. It is, however, understood that his services are still available for consultation.

Like most of the miners' leaders, he started work in the pits quite young, and when little more than a youth became an active worker in the Trade Union movement. Afterwards he worked as a miners' agent, and was elected president of the South Wales Miners' Federation.

At the Conservative debacle in 1905 he became Labour M.P. for Glamorgan, which he represented till 1918, when he changed over to Abertillery. In the first Coalition Government he was Under-Secretary to the Home Office. In 1920 he was appointed to the position from which he has now, at the age of sixty-two, retired.

William Brace is one of those comparatively rare men who have combined the power of organizing working men and inspiring them on the platform with a gift of diplomacy and moderation that made him useful as a mediator—though naturally it brought on him the disapprobation of the extremists.

INSPECTOR PAGE.

OFFICER WHO ARRESTED BYWATERS.

Detective-Inspector Frank Page who helped to investigate the murders by John Smith, of the "Brides in the Bath" case, and was one of the officers who arrested Bywaters and Edith Thompson, retired after serving over twenty-five years in the Metropolitan Police.

For the last few years he has been in charge of N Division at Stoke Newington.

Going to Scotland Yard itself, after many years in the Y and D Divisions, Inspector Page assumed charge of the "Flying Squad," and took a prominent part in rounding up gangs of motor bandits.

One of the "Big Five."

Chief Inspector Percy Savage, for twenty-seven years in the Criminal Investigation Department of Scotland Yard, recently became one of the Yard's "Big Five," following his promotion to Superintendent. He succeeded Superintendent Neil, who resigned recently. Chief Inspector Savage tracked down Patrick Mahon, the murderer of Miss Emily Beaby Kaye, at a bungalow at the Crumbles, near Eastbourne, and dealt with many other notorious murder cases.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Love, era."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Road to Yesterday."

To-day—World Theatre; "Altars of Desire."

To-day—Cheer 'O dance at City Hall, 8.30 p.m.

February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

February 26-27—Queen's Theatre; "There You Are."

February 26-27—World Theatre; at 5.15 & 9.20 "Tin Gods"; at 2.30 2.30 & 7.15, Chinese Drama "The Romance of a Star."

February 26-27—Star Theatre; "Blarney."

February 28-29—Queen's Theatre; "The Side Show of Life."

February 28-29—World Theatre; at 5.15 & 9.20 "The Great Love"; at 2.30 & 7.15, Chinese Drama "The Romance of a Star."

February 28-29—Star Theatre; "Fascinating Youth."

February 27—Sixth Dancing display by Miss Violet Capell's Pupils, Queen's Theatre; 5 p.m.

February 29—Star Theatre; Dancing display by the Pupils of Miss V. Capell, 9.15 p.m.

March 1-3—Queen's Theatre; "The Scarlet Letter."

March 1-3—World Theatre; "The Confession of a Queen."

March 1-3—Star Theatre; "Introduce Me."

March 8—Musicals at Helena May Institute.

Sports.

February 25—First Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 3—"American" lawn tennis tournament (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club, 2.30 p.m.

March 3—Fauling Hunt steeplechases (Spring meeting).

March 6—R. H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) medal competition, New Course, Fanning.

Lammer's Auctions.

February 25—At Godown No. 18, H.K. & K. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

February 27—At Sales Room, Duddell St., Cameras, Red Seal Records, etc., etc., 2.30 p.m.

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February 27—At 5, Armend Bldg. (Ground Floor), Kimberley Rd., Kowloon, valuable household furniture, 11 a.m.

February 27—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, Silver and plated ware, 2.30 p.m.

February 28—At 25 Humphreys Bldg., Hanoi Rd., Kowloon, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.

March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situate in Peak District, 8 p.m.

Meetings.

To-day—Annual Meeting of Queen's College Old Boys' Association, Queen's College, Main Hall, 5.30 p.m.

To-day—Annual meeting of seatholders of the Union Church, Kennedy Rd., 5.30 p.m.

February 25—Ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Corporation, at City Hall, noon.

February 27—The Hong Kong Tramways Limited, hold yearly meeting at Messrs. Jardine's offices at noon.

February 29—Forty-first annual meeting of the H.K. & K. Whf. & Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's, noon.

March 10—Thirty-second yearly meeting of shareholders in the Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—New Ford Car exhibition at 5.30 p.m.

To-day—Flamörte Recital by Mr. Harry Ore, at "Mullnomah" No. 2, May Rd., 9.30 p.m.

To-night—The Battery Co. (H.K.V.D.C.) holds annual dinner at Corps Headquarters.

February 28—Sir Shou-son Chow and Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall entertain Sir Mfcs Lamson, K.C.M.G., in Chinese Merchants Club.

February 29—Mrs. Russell Brown distributes prizes and certificates at the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, 5 p.m.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Reminder: annual meeting of
Queen's College Old Boys' Association,
in Queen's College main hall
at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

The new Ford car exhibition
commences at 5.30 p.m. to-day when
the inauguration of "The Ford
House" will be held.

Specimens representing a complete
set of the minerals of the
Dominion of Canada have been
presented to Birmingham University.

Helen Kershaw, aged 14, of
Egham, Surrey, was the only passenger
in an Imperial Airways
machine which left Croydon for Cologne.

Percy Warwick, aged 24, who
was married on Boxing Day, was
killed by a runaway tram in the
Oakdale (Monmouthshire) House
Coal Colliery.

Nearly 3,000 cooks and other
members of the staff of Messrs. J.
Lyons and Co., Ltd., attended a
dance and whilst drive at Cadby
Hall, Kensington, W.

Among latest acquisitions at the
Victoria and Albert Museum is an
English needlework picture done
in silk and chenille on satin, worked
by M. J. Sasse, 1816.

The Suffragan Bishop of Wool-
wich, Dr. Hough, burst into tears
while officiating at the funeral of
his godson, the Rev. L. N. Woolley,
Vicar of Oakwood, Surrey.

H.M. Commissioners of Works
refuse to sanction the demolition
of God's Providence House, New-
port, Isle of Wight, scheduled for
preservation as a monument of national
importance.

Most shopkeepers in Tonbridge,
Kent, and in Redruth, Cornwall,
are said to be selling the quarter
loaf at 10d., whereas, in accordance
with the Food Council's scale,
it should now be 9d.

A reprieve has been granted to
William George Sutherland (25), a
Liverpool fruit sorter, who was
sentenced to death for the murder
of his wife, whose throat he cut
in the street.

Dame Florence Nall-Cain, of
Brocket Hall, Hatfield, wife of Sir
Charles Alexander Nall-Cain, Bart.,
left unsettled estate of £38,227.
She gave £500 to her maid, Elizabeth
Maria Shimmion.

Mr. T. B. Wilson, the local agent
of the Dollar S.S. Line and the
Admiral Oriental Line, is to investigate
the circumstances of the holding
up of the s.s. "Edmore"
and sailed for Amoy to-day.

Protests against the proposed
"no reversing" order for motor-cars
in certain areas in London have
been received at the Ministry of
Transport and will be considered
before a decision is reached.

The staff of Messrs. Calbeck,
Macgregor and Co., Ltd., Kuala
Lumpur, gave a dinner in honour
of Mr. M. G. Marriot, manager of
the branch, who has been transferred
to his firm's Singapore office.

It has been decided to invite Mr.
B. C. M. Johnston, of the Hong
Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
to accept to seat on the
Shanghai Municipal Council, vacated
by the resignation of Mr. H. B. Roe.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson (of Messrs.
Tao & Hodgson, solicitors) has
recovered sufficiently from his illness
to be able to leave the French
Convent Hospital at Causeway Bay,
where he has been undergoing
treatment.

William Patterson, a mill worker,
has retired from the service of the
Barn Mills, Carrickfergus, after
sixty-three years' continuous service.
He was never absent for one
day, though at one period he had a
broken arm.

At an inquest on Cyril George
Miles, aged 15, of Thorpe-mews,
Cambridge-gardens, W., who when
riding on an omnibus was struck
by a falling branch, Mr. Ingleby
Oddie, the coroner, said that all
dead trees overhanging highways
should be cut down.

Agnes Smith (23), bag maker,
Mornington Crescent, Camden
Town, was remanded, on £10 bail,
at Bow Street Police Court, accused
of maliciously wounding another
young woman, Miss Eva Adlemann,
by stabbing her on the hand with
a knife in a restaurant in Coventry
Street, W.

At a debate at the European
Y.M.C.A. yesterday, the motion
"that women of 21 should have the
vote" was carried by a narrow
majority. The proposers of the
motion were Miss Watts and Miss
Clark and the opposers, the Rev.
H. A. Wittenbach and Mr. C. E. M.
Terry. The voting was 22 for and
19 against.

A new street is to be constructed
in Finsbury between Rosoman
Street and Wilmington-square.

Mr. J. Nilsen, manager in
Bangkok of Messrs. Thorsen & Co.,
is on a visit to the Hong Kong office
of his firm.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil
Clementi) is formally to open
King's College, Bonham Road, at 3
p.m. on Monday, March 5.

London, Feb. 23.—The lists for
the Northcliffe Newspapers' issue
of £3,000,000 5½ per cent. guaranteed
debentures at 99 closed this
morning.—Reuter.

The Battery, as the Artillery
Company of the Hong Kong Volunteer
Defence Corps is now called, is
holding its annual dinner at Corps
Headquarters to-night.



Prince Yasuhito Chichibu, second
son of the late Emperor Yoshihito,
younger brother of the present
Emperor Hirohito and himself. He
is engaged to the Japanese throne,
whose engagement to Miss Seto
Matsudaira, daughter of the Japanese
Ambassador to the United
States was recently announced.

Yesterday a Chinese butcher
living in North Street, Kennedy
Town, who became suddenly insane,
attempted to commit suicide by
cutting his throat. He died at the
Government Civil Hospital.

Wellington, Feb. 24.—It is learned
from Apia that an ordinance
has been passed forbidding the
wearing of uniforms representing
sedition, also, forbidding the assembly
of natives without a proper reason.—Reuter.



Miss Seto Matsudaira, daughter
of the Japanese Ambassador to the
United States, whose engagement
to his Imperial Highness Prince
Yasuhito Chichibu, second son of
the late Emperor Yoshihito, has
been announced. Although Miss
Seto is a commoner and will thus
upset all Japanese traditions, the
young couple is very popular and
the match favored throughout
Japan. The pair met in Washington.

At the conclusion of a route
march of the Scottish Company of
the Volunteer Defence Corps yesterday,
Sergeant Fletcher was presented
with the long service medal
by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, who read
the record of the recipient, which
went back to 1905 and referred to
his association with the Scottish
Company ever since its formation.

The Kowloon and Tai Koo platoons
were strongly represented in the
turnout and the City Platoon not so
strongly. The Company marched
from the Star ferry to Kowloon
Dock, where the presentation took
place and the members of the
Corps were entertained. The evening
closed with musical items by
the pipers and individual vocalists.

Among those present were Capt.
Morrison, 2nd Lieut. MacKenzie,
Forryth and Duncan, Sgt.-Major
Purves and Messrs. R. M. Dyer, D.
Templeton, K. Greig, A. M. Simpson
and A. Anderson, also other
members of St. Andrew's Society.

Mrs. Russell Brown will present
the prizes at the Diocesan Girls'
School on Wednesday next at
5 p.m.

Four miners were burned in an
explosion of gas at Wallsend Colliery,
Chesterfield. Two are detained
in hospital.

Mr. H. G. Wightwick, late manager
of the Singapore tramway service,
has settled down at home at
"Highbury," Staplehurst, Kent.

Specimens representing a complete
set of the minerals of the
Dominion of Canada have been
presented to Birmingham University.

Henry Hewston, aged 14, collapsed
while playing football in High-
gate Park, Birmingham, and was
found to be dead on reaching the
General Hospital.

Coke in a wagon on the sidings
near the gas factory at Woolwich
Arsenal caught fire, but the outbreak
was promptly dealt with by the
Arsenal brigade.

A town's meeting at Ramsgate
will consider the promotion of a
Bill transferring the ownership of
the harbour from the Ministry of
Transport to Ramsgate Corporation.

A tunny fish weighing more than
6 cwt. and measuring 8 ft. was
landed in Cardiff, having been
caught 250 miles west of Lundy
Island by the Cardiff trawler
Ladzu.

In the competition for designs for
the new town hall at Wimbledon,
S.W., the first prize of £200 has
been awarded to Messrs. Bradshaw,
Gass, and Hope, of Bolton, Lancashire.

A request is being made by the
Monmouthshire Law Society and
the Law Society, with the support
of the Bar Council, that divorce
cases may be heard at Monmouth-
shire Assizes.

With two other men, Mr. W. J.
Baker, of Cowick Road, Tooting,
was attacked by a dog in High
Street, Colliers Wood, Mitcham,
and in boating off the animal he
slipped on the icy pavement, breaking
his thigh.

The approved design by Miss
Elizabeth Scott for the Shakespeare
Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-
Avon, with the detailed plans and
models, will be publicly exhibited
in London very shortly, possibly at
the Royal Institute of British
Architects.

Edward Norman Grimwade, aged
41, solicitor, of Coombe Road,
Croydon, was remanded at Bow
Street charged with fraudulently
converting to his own use £300 entrusted
to him by Mr. W. Llewellyn
and £200 on account of Mr. Napoleon
Marney.

Engaged in moving furniture
from a house in Praya East yesterday,
a coolie was injured by a brick
which fell on his head. He received
a bad cut in the head and was
rendered unconscious. The police
removed the man to the Government
Civil Hospital.

Mr. Wai Ming-kai, chief cashier
of the Hong Kong Telephone Co.,
Ltd., died suddenly at his Happy
Valley residence yesterday afternoon,
and his demise will be regretted
by a large circle of friends in
the Colony. He had twenty-five
years' service in the local telephone
service.

A desire that his death "should
not make any disarrangement of the
plans and amusements of any person"
is expressed in the will of Mr.
Godfrey Alfred Joseph, of Porchester-
terrace, W., a paper merchant,
who died leaving £22,981. He also
requested that no one should wear
mourning for him.

A youth of eighteen was said at
the Guildhall Police Court to be
father of two children, and legally
separated from his wife. The
youth, George Isaac Trowbridge, a
packer, was bound over for stealing
two boxes of celluloid goods,
worth £8, from an office in Farringdon
Street.

Stated by Dr. Watson, medical
officer of H.M. Prison, to have
made an attempt on his life in prison,
Capt. Reginald Frederick
George Carter, R.F.A. (retired),
aged 40, who was charged with
bigamy, was at the Old Bailey
found to be insane and was ordered
to be detained during his
Majesty's pleasure.

Shareholders of the Hong Kong
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Nanking Nationalists and their threat of war-like activities
against the Fengtien forces now in command at Peking.

A filip has been given to their preparations by the report
that General Chiang Kai-shek has paid a visit to General Feng
Yu-shiang, the "Christian General," and that the pair are to
co-operate against the North.

The Peking party, in the meanwhile, are said to be con-
sidering an attack upon Shansi, which possesses Nationalistic
sympathies.

In Canton perfect peace reigns. The Southern capital
has come into the limelight this week by reason of the visit
of Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister at Peking. The
itinerary of Sir Miles is published in full in this week's issue
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[By "The Rover"]

The star soccer match to-morrow is the final in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup, on the H.K.F.C. ground between Scotland and China. Scotland has beaten Portugal and China succeeded against England, each of the preliminary matches being won by the narrow margin of one goal. The final to-morrow should provide a great match and chances are very open.

The programme follows:—

"Sunday Herald" Cup, International Final.

Scotland v. China, H.K.F.C. ground, kick-off 4 p.m. Referee: Mr. Baldwin. Linesmen: Messrs. Smith & Barber.

League—Division I, kick-off 4.15 p.m.

Kowloon F.C. v. Club de Recreo, Kowloon F.C. ground, Referee: Mr. Gilbert.

Royal Air Force v. Police, Chatham Road ground, Referee: Mr. Willis.

League—Division II, Section "A," kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Chinese Athletic v. St. Joseph's College, H.K.F.C. ground, Referee: Mr. Mackie.

Royal Artillery v. Club de Recreo, Sookumpoo, Referee: Mr. Presley.

South China "A" v. South China "B," Caroline Hill, Referee: Mr. Hutchins.

League—Division II, Section "B," kick-off 2.45 p.m.

Kowloon F.C. v. St. Joseph's College, Kowloon F.C. ground, Referee: Mr. Kinnella.

Although the big attraction is at the Valley there are two very interesting tit-bits for Kowloon supporters, the match on the Kowloon ground being very attractive, with chances slightly favouring Kowloon.

At Chatham Road also the meeting of the Police and the Air Force should provide much sport, and the Police will doubtless practise as near their full shield side as possible in view of their big match the following Saturday in the Shield with the Gunners in the semi-final. The Police have got together a capable side and a little more polish in the attack will make them a formidable side.

As both League matches will be at Kowloon, interest on the Hong Kong side will be in the International, Scotland's team, although it contains one surprise, is a good one. McEwen is not available or he would have been selected outright and Scotland is exceptionally rich in half-backs and Carwell (Goalkeeper) and Farlowe (Royal Navy) both figure in the Reserves. The selection committee have been faced with a difficult proposition but they could have done with one Borderer less in the forward line to allow Carwell his place at half-back, with McKelvie at centre-forward in Toal's place, as the latter has till quite recently been figuring in the K.O.S.B. reserve team and Carwell has played a sterling game throughout the season. It is hoped Toal will justify his inclusion, the co-operation of so many of his clubmates forward being a point in his favour. The team is a strong one throughout and should render a good account of itself. Much will depend on the inside forwards who will get many chances from the speedy wings. China's team is unknown but in all probability it will be the Athletic combination, with very few exceptions if any. The game has been keenly looked forward to and there should be a huge crowd present to witness a thrilling match.

As a curtain raiser to the big event, the Chinese Athletic Reserves will meet St. Joseph's College and the latter have about the cleverest forward line in the junior division.

HOME SOCCER.

CUP TEAM WINS IN THE LEAGUE.

A "CORRECTION."

London, Yesterday.

Blackburn, who are drawn at home in the next round of the F.A. Cup, are in form. In division I of the League to-day, on their own ground, they defeated Middlesbrough by three goals to nil. Reuter.

The table now stands at:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	23	14	7	7	33	49	36
Huddersfield	23	15	4	8	67	47	34
Leicester	23	13	7	9	68	51	33
Bolton	23	13	6	9	59	44	32
Cardiff	23	12	8	8	50	47	32
Burnley	23	14	3	13	60	66	31
Blackburn	23	11	9	9	43	49	31
Newcastle	23	11	8	10	58	56	30
Sunderland	23	11	7	9	53	59	29
Tottenham	23	12	5	11	59	59	29
Liverpool	23	10	8	10	61	54	28
Bury	23	13	2	14	50	53	28
Aston Villa	23	11	5	12	53	52	27
Arsenal	23	10	7	9	55	56	27
West Ham	23	11	5	12	58	55	27
Middlesbrough	23	9	8	12	60	64	26
Derby	23	9	7	13	65	66	25
Sheffield U.	23	9	7	12	50	60	25
Manchester	23	10	5	12	47	52	25
Birmingham	23	6	11	11	45	58	23
Portsmouth	23	8	6	14	48	78	22
Wednesday	23	5	9	13	49	78	19

SCOTTISH CUP.

How Rangers Got Through Third Round.

On Monday, a result in the third round of the Scottish F.A. Cup (played on Saturday) was given as:—King's Park 3, Rangers 1. Yesterday, it was stated that Rangers had been drawn away to meet Albion in the fourth round, when it appeared that they had already been eliminated. The explanation is that last Saturday, Rangers defeated King's Park by three goals to one, and the result was called the wrong way round. The correction has now arrived.

RIFLE MEETING.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT ON SUNDAY.

OPEN TO THE COLONY.

The championship rifle shooting contest of the Colony will be held on Sunday next at Tai Koo range, Quarry Bay.

All those who are interested are asked to be present and to meet at 10.30 a.m. at the 200 yards range to draw for targets.

The shoot will be under King's first stage conditions. An entrance fee of \$3 is payable.

Further information can be had from the Hong Kong Rifle League, c/o Mr. C. H. Summers, Tai Koo Dock.

"VARSITY" CRICKET.

INTER-FACULTY LAST MATCH.

ARTS v. ENGINEERS.

The last match in the University Inter-Faculty cricket tournament was played at Pokfulam on Wednesday between the Arts and the Engineers and resulted in a draw. The competition had been won by the Medical Faculty last week, having defeated both the Arts and the Engineers. Yesterday's scores:—

Arts Faculty.				
J. Barrow, c & b Roffey	71			
A. Baker, b Gittins	4			
F. Zimmermann, b Gittins	8			
S. V. Gittins, c & b Redmond	28			
A. T. Lee, c Roffey, b Redmond	0			
W. H. Sling, b Gittins	26			
G. G. Edwards, c Barma, b Roffey	14			
R. K. M. Simpson, c Barma, b Redmond	1			
O. Hassan, at Kermani, b Redmond	4			
K. T. San, b Redmond	0			
C. L. Tan, not out	2			
Extras	15			
Total	173			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
Redmond	17	3	57	5
W. M. Gittins	12	1	50	3
Aziz	3	0	18	0
Roffey	9	2	34	2

Engineering Faculty.				
F. S. Chen, c Zimmermann, b Barrow	18			
H. T. M. Barma, b Barrow	5			
A. B. Suleman, b Lee	8			
S. R. Kermani, b Lee	1			
F. A. Redmond, b Sling	25			
W. M. Gittins, b Zimmermann	9			
M. H. Roffey, not out	37			
B. H. Schroter, c Gittins, b Sling	18			
A. A. Aziz, b Sling	0			
Extras	26			
Total (for 8 wickets)	147			

T. W. Chong, S. Otani did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
Lee	13	3	29	2
S. V. Gittins	10	0	31	0
Barrow	8	3	15	2
Zimmermann	10	2	21	1
Sling	5	1	22	3

H.K.C.C. TEAMS TO-MORROW.

Hong Kong Cricket Club teams, in friendly matches to-morrow, at 2 p.m., will be as follows:—

1st XI. (away) v. Craigengower C.C.;—A. W. Hayward, R. W. Lee, H. V. Parker, L. A. R. Duncan, N. S. Thorp, C. D. Wales, A. Reid, K. H. Batker, H. J. Armstrong, O. Moor, A. N. Other.

2nd XI. (home) v. H.M.S. "Tamar";—J. N. Owen, S. J. Jordan, W. Brackenridge, E. R. West, J. R. Collis, J. E. Hancock, H. Griffin, A. Howell, E. A. Simon, O. E. C. Marton, G. D. Mead.

R.H.K.C.C. LADIES' SECTION.

A medal competition will be held on Tuesday, March 6, by the ladies section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. Prizes will be given for the best net score on each course. Only subscribers to the Ladies' Section are eligible for this competition. Competitors are to choose their opponents and will arrange on which course to play.

Mrs. Shellshear has kindly presented a prize for a Bogey competition to be held on the new course at Fanling on Tuesday, March 20; handicap allowed.

The final of the Captain's Cup was played off on the old course at Fanling on Tuesday, and was won by Mrs. L. G. S. Dowdell, the runner-up being Mrs. E. B. C. Hornell.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Three matches in the Club Championship singles of the H.K.C.C. annual tennis tournament were played yesterday afternoon, the results of which were as follows:—G. F. H. Richard beat Very Rev. A. Swann, 6-2, 6-3; J. G. Lawrie beat J. Barrow, 6-3, 6-0; S. E. Green beat W. M. Lyons, 6-3, 6-1.

Games down for this afternoon are:—R. P. Lonsdale v. W. B. Cornaby; E. D. Lawrence v. J. W. M. Healing; O. C. Womack v. Dr. J. R. Craig.

WEIGHTS OUT.

HANDICAPS FOR RACES TO-MORROW.

TWO EVENTS: FIVE DIVISIONS.

Weights have been allotted for to-morrow's handicap events in the Hong Kong Jockey Club's first extra race meeting of the season at Happy Valley, as follows:—

Happy Valley Handicap (6 furl.). "A" Class (Race 1).

Pickle	158
Peck	165
Heir Apparent	162
San Francisco	162
Captain	159
Little Sit Tang	159
Comrade	158
Sunning	158
O-Moon	156
Dumfries	156
Maene Beauty	156
Warrington	156
Warlordship	153
Duke of Verona	153
Manor Hall	153
Ukelele	153
Chow Tze Lon	153
Blackstone Hall	150
Dobbin	150
Tangle	147
Kom Tong Hall	147
Grande del Norte	147
Bing Boy	143
Loch Tummel	140

"B" Class (Race 3).

King of the Plains	162
The Goblin	156
Grey Knight	156
August	153
Masonic Hall	153
Erstwhile	153
Chenal	153
Shanghai Friend	152
Limestone Hall	152
Tap Siao	150
Boukna	150
Sutherland	150
Artistic Hall	150
Man of War	150
Northern Stag	150
Grey Eyes	150
Meanwhile	150
Yuen Sin	150
Castle	150
Loongwa	150
Walchow	147
Chick To	144
Southern Stag	144
Ploughman	144
Barley Grass	144
Tarzan	144

"C" Class (Race 5).

Mowgli	162
Easter Day	159
District Call	153
Liberty Hall	153
Circe	153
The Haugh	155
Sea Front	155
Brown Jug	155
Fire Call	153
Bootleger	153
Scooter	152
Silver Fox	150
Loch Tay	150
Easing Wold	150
Madeira	150
Green Slip	150
Little River	147
Siang River	147
Loch Lomond II	147
King Constantine	144
Bussaco	144
Dundee	144
Kaa	144

Wanchai Handicap (1 1/4 miles).

"A" Class (Race 9).

Pickle	163
Peck	165
Heir Apparent	162
San Diego	162
Coos Bay	162
Captain	154
Little Sit Tang	154
Comrade	153
U N II	153
Sunning	153
Flash Star	153
Maene Beauty	151
Warrington	151
Dumfries	151
The Gomeril	150
Warlordship	148
Dobbin	148
Ukelele	148
Manor Hall	148
Blackstone Hall	145
Kom Tong Hall	142
Tangle	142

"B" Class (Race 8).

King of the Plains	162
Horsford	153
Loch Tummel	157
August	155
Masonic Hall	155
Erstwhile	153
Chenal	153
Mowgli	153
Chatto	152
Yuen Sin	152
Man of War	150
Mish Mish	147
Walchow	147
Southern Stag	147
Northern Stag	145
Ploughman	145
Shingle	140
Loch Tay	140
Loch Lomond II	140
Dundee	140
Easing Wold	140
Green Slip	140
Sea Front	140

THE VOLUNTEERS.

CORPS ORDERS FOR THIS WEEK.

G.O.C.'S ANNUAL INSPECTION.

This week's orders for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, issued to-day by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant, read as follows:—

Annual Inspection. Thursday, March 15, 1928.

The General Officer Commanding, South China Command, will inspect the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps on Thursday, March 15, 1928, at Murray Parade ground at 6 p.m.

Every member of the Corps (Reserve Company included) is required to attend.

Further details will be issued later.

Members are reminded that attendance at the above inspection is one of the qualifications for efficiency.

Conference at Corps Headquarters on Monday, February 27, at 5.30 p.m. on Kirkpatrick Scheme for 1928, all available Officers to attend, all ranks interested in reconnaissance work are invited to attend.

Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Stonecutters Range on April 8 and 9 (Easter Sunday and Easter Monday). Further details will be issued later.

The Garrison Rifle Meeting will take place on April 17, 18 and 19, 1928. Two matches are open to Volunteers, will those interested apply to the Adjutant for details.

The Corps Notice Board has been moved to the Drill Hall and is placed on the inside of the Western wall facing the Orderly Room.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the modified conditions of service applicable to men with three years efficient service to their credit, a copy of the regulation is on the Corps Notice Board.

Musketry. Sunday, February 26.

The Scottish Company will fire Part I. Table "T" at Stonecutters on Sunday, February 26, 1928.

Range Officer: Captain K. S. Morrison.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Sunday, February 25, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Battery. Parade at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, March 1, at 5.25 p.m.

Signal Section as per programme under Lieut. Walter, R.A. Full attendance is essential.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, March 1, at 5.25 p.m. for Signal Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Armoured Car Company. Machine Gunners will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, February 27, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Motor Cycle Section: Parade at Corps Headquarters, at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, February 27, under Lieut. Hancock.

Tuesday, March 1: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Special Class for instruction under Lieut. Hancock for those previously detailed.

Infantry Company. No. 1 Platoon: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28 and Friday, March 2, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

No. 2 Platoon: Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Scottish Company. Musketry Part I see Order No. 7. Thursday, March 1, at 5.30 p.m. All Platoons will parade at Platoon Headquarters for Squad and Arms Drill.

Reference Corps Order No. 317. Para. 11. Sunday, February 26, 1928. The triangular shoot against 2nd Batta. Scots Guards and 2nd Batta. K.O.S.B. is postponed until Sunday, March 18, 1928.

Sunday, March 4. The Company will not shoot Part I. on this date.

Sunday, March 18, 1928. Triangular Shoot arranged by Mr. R. M. Dyer between 2nd Batta. Scots Guards, 2nd Batta. K.O.S.B. and Scottish Company at Stonecutters.

Sunday, April 1, 1928. Inter-Platoon Shoot for "Dyer" Cup.

Portuguese Company. Parade at Corps Headquarters on Friday, February 24, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufti, belt sling;

frog, rifle and bayonet. Miniature Range for Recruits. Musketry Instruction and drill.

Reserve Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 29, for Machine Gun Class Instruction.

Strength.

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THE "OPEN GATE."

THE REAL NEED FOR
RESTRICTION.

The "mechanisation" of music, by which was meant the development of the pianola, the gramophone and wireless, was referred to in somewhat critical language by Dr. Ernest Markham Lee in his presidential address to members of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, who met in annual conference at the Mansion House. Subsequent speakers, however, espoused the value of these musical aids with enthusiasm, and the general trend of the discussion went to show that with the development of the gramophone and the advent of wireless had come an appreciation of good music hitherto confined to a very limited circle.

The Lord Mayor of London (Sir Charles Batho) was present at the opening of the proceedings to welcome the delegates on behalf of the City.

Dr. E. Markham Lee, in his address, referred to the past year as one of more or less universal depression in music, except for the more mechanical forms such as the gramophone and wireless. Opera, although artificially supported, was still in a rather desperate condition; orchestral concerts had been continued with difficulty, and in the case of the Queen's Hall Promenades, only with the aid of the British Broadcasting Corporation; many choral societies were falling by the wayside; recitals were only successfully attempted by the few. Chamber music alone was in a more hopeful condition, probably because it made less demands in the matter of expense. The fact had to be faced that music was becoming mechanised, and the problem for practising musicians was how best they could meet the altered circumstances. The remedies were not altogether easy to find, but as a preliminary they would be wise to assume that the rivalry of the gramophone and wireless had come to stay, and that they could not with any safety reckon on their attraction waning. How, then, was the profession to meet the depression with which it was faced?

"The only real remedy that I can see," continued Dr. Lee, is "that there must be fewer of us. There is only one way to reduce the number of entrants to the profession. First of all, to make a gate of entry to it, and then to make that gate difficult to go through. Some people think there is already a gate of entry, and point to certain degrees and diplomas. There is no gate. People tumble in just as they like, and you cannot hoof them out. The only method of building such a gate is so to educate public opinion that it will not employ any musician or music teacher other than a really qualified person. (Hear, hear.)

"To my mind the profession of music will never be on a par with some of the other professions until there is a gate of entry which demands not merely a test of musical ability, but one of ordinary general education. Why should we expect educationists to recognise us so long as we do not insist upon real education? I have heard some startling things lately on this point. I know of one school on the South Coast where the headmistress will not employ a music teacher who possesses musical diplomas alone, but insists on the B.A. degree as well. That mistress is a little ahead of her time, but she is on the right line. What is the good of having a lot of these half-baked people who know music and nothing else?" (Hear, hear.)

As a profession they had advanced in public opinion, but they

SUSSEX FILMS.

HEADQUARTERS OF NEW CO.
AT HOVE.

Still another British film company will shortly be launched, with its headquarters at Hove. The former electricity works, north of the railway station, has been chosen as the site of the studio, and land near the Downs is also available.

A well-known novelist is associated with the project, which will be directed by men of established reputation.

It is hoped to make the fullest use of the countryside, and the quaint old harbour at Shoreham, a few miles away, may figure in a picture.

The company will, however, not confine its activities to making Sussex films, although it is possible that the work of certain writers associated with the county may be screened.

had not advanced nearly enough. In his opinion the chief work in the future was for the society as a professional body to insist upon the ennoblement of the profession. With that aim in view a new and important committee had recently been formed, consisting of the president of the society (for the time being), the chairman of the Administrative Committee (for the time being), Sir Hugh Allen, Professor Granville Bantock, Dr. Percy Buck, Sir Landon Ronald, Dr. Lee Ashton, and Dr. H. W. Rhodes. "So far as our society is concerned," added Dr. Lee, "this seems the most important move made during the year 1927, and I shall be very disappointed if it does not result in very great things. I cannot prophesy, but I can hope, for this committee will not merely possess wide powers, but will, unless one is much mistaken, command the sympathy and good-will of the whole profession."

"A Tepid Joy."

Mr. Rawlinson Wood, while not agreeing with the criticisms passed by the president on the gramophone and wireless, said he fully concurred with his observations on the ease with which the profession of music could be entered. It had been said there was no gate; there was no fence even; it was an open field. What, he asked, was the good of having men or women to teach music who could not speak King's English? The fact that the universities were recognising music as a qualifying subject was a very good beginning in that direction.

Sir Henry Coward saw no reason to be despondent about the rivalry of either the gramophone or the wireless. They were mere shadows of the real thing, but they were undoubtedly stimulating people to a better appreciation of music, and they had created a desire for music in country places where it would be impossible to give a full orchestral concert. The wireless had undoubtedly injured musical societies in some places, but that he regarded as only a temporary phase.

As for the overcrowding of the profession, they had to get it into the minds of all the dear mammas and fond papas that because their children could play a sonata or pass a little examination these things did not qualify them to be professors unless they showed extraordinary ability, and that they must be content to let their children be great social assets doing good to the community at large in an amateur way, because it was the good amateurs who were the backbone of music in this country.

Mr. Bernard Johnson, in referring to the interest village communities took in music lectures, instanced the case of a farmer who on coming in late at one of his lectures in Derbyshire, explained that he had just been killing a pig. After making his apology he settled himself to enjoy the lecture on a Beethoven sonata. Such enthusiasm for music, he said, was most refreshing.

BEETHOVEN.

AND ONE HUNDRED
YEARS AGO.

One hundred years ago Beethoven died in a house in the Schwartz-spanierplatz, Vienna. "A violent storm had arisen as night fell; hail and snow were driven violently against windows and roof. A bolt of lightning suddenly struck near by, and a loud clap of thunder deafened the watchers by the bedside. The man thereupon opened his eyes, shook his clenched fist above his head, and in this attitude of defiance gave up the ghost." This is the account by Ernest Brennecke, Jr., of the end of the mortal career of the great giant of music whose centenary year has been the occasion of half filling our concert programmes. If Beethoven wrote any ally music, it has had its chance along with the sublime. Orchestras have given us the symphonies; in one concert under Toscanini, the first and the ninth figured. The London String Quartette has recently finished a week of the compositions dedicated to four instruments; Miss Katharine Bacon has presented the thirty-two sonatas for piano. "Critics, musicians and lay public now unite in honouring him—for various reasons," says Mr. Brennecke in "The Commonweal" (New York), adding that "some of these reasons are ridiculous enough."

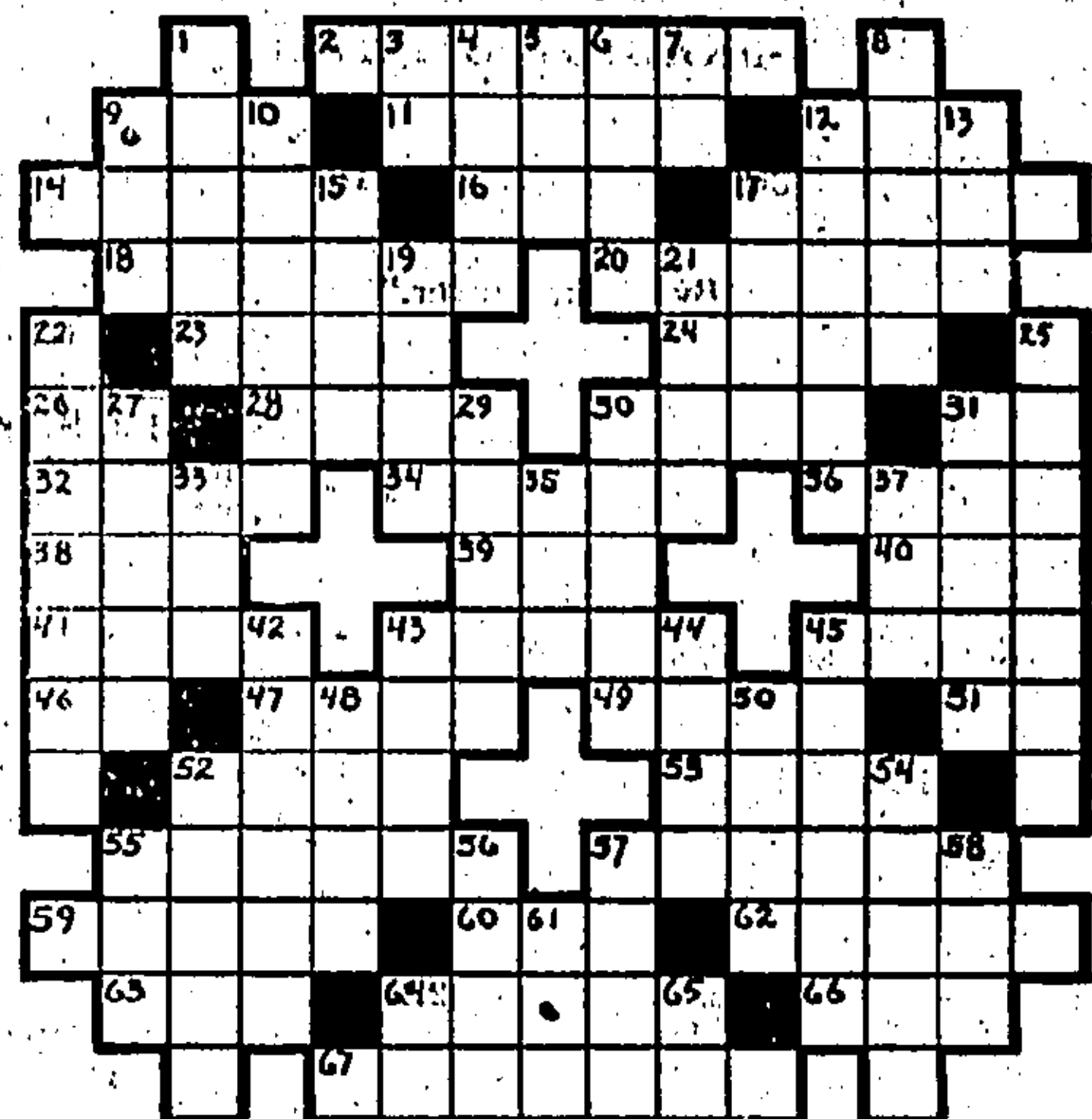
"In Beethoven, for instance, our genius-worshippers discover the possessor of an ocean of temperament. They recall that he threw eggs at his cook; that he was careless of his clothes and of the cleanliness of his person; that he tramped through the country roaring his tunes in a frightful voice, with his long black mane flung to the breezes; that his performances at the piano caused the tears of his auditors to stream unchecked down their cheeks, after which he laughed at them wildly and called them hogs and asses; that he hired rooms, and then refused to live in them; that he improvised the Moonlight Sonata for a blind girl; that he fell desperately and vainly in love with aculeary-maids and countesses; that he outraged and insulted archdukes and princes; that he passed his last years in the (for him) unspeakable anguish of deafness, brought on by a syphilitic disorder; that even his death was in the highest degree spectacular."

"Some of this is apocryphal, but much of it is, unfortunately, true, and all of it has supplied a vast fund of curious evidence for those who, forgetting the examples of Bach, Haydn, and Brahms, think of the ideal composer as one necessarily afflicted with a demonic mania. Ambitious keyboard-ticklers, also, often think that if they can only act with sufficient eccentricity, they will be able to transform themselves into Beethovens."

"But on an occasion such as this centenary we might do well to rid our minds of the merely picturesque and theatrical, and disregard the accidents which made Beethoven appear as a practical joker, a contortionist and exhibitionist. We might more profitably listen to his music and grasp its meaning, if we can. And here again we must subvert and disregard a few more accidents. We must, for one thing, try to rid our minds of the dramatic associations it is prone to evoke. Listening to the opening crash of the Fifth Symphony, we must hear the sounds themselves, and refrain from calling up fantasies of the blows of fate or of the drunken porter at the gate."

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



THE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE.

HORIZONTAL

- 2—Empire
- 9—Mouthpiece of bride
- 11—Suggestions
- 12—Wicked
- 14—Polonaise
- 15—An alkali
- 17—A nut
- 19—To scold
- 20—Law term for maiming
- 23—Main body of a church
- 24—Small slender nail
- 28—Precipitation
- 29—Endearing term
- 30—Stagger
- 31—Preposition
- 32—A plant which furnishes a drug
- 34—Joined to mates
- 35—A numeral
- 38—To plant seeds
- 39—A knob
- 40—Same (Scottish)
- 41—Digits
- 43—To clean by rubbing
- 45—Slender
- 46—Suffix denoting comparative degree
- 47—A board supporting piner
- 49—That which yields easily to pressure

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 51—State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 52—Dry
- 53—A pond
- 55—Rascals
- 57—Inclined
- 58—Inane
- 60—Endeavor
- 62—Acquire knowledge
- 63—Cunning
- 64—A record of a personal event
- 66—Investigate
- 67—Luggage carriers

VERTICAL

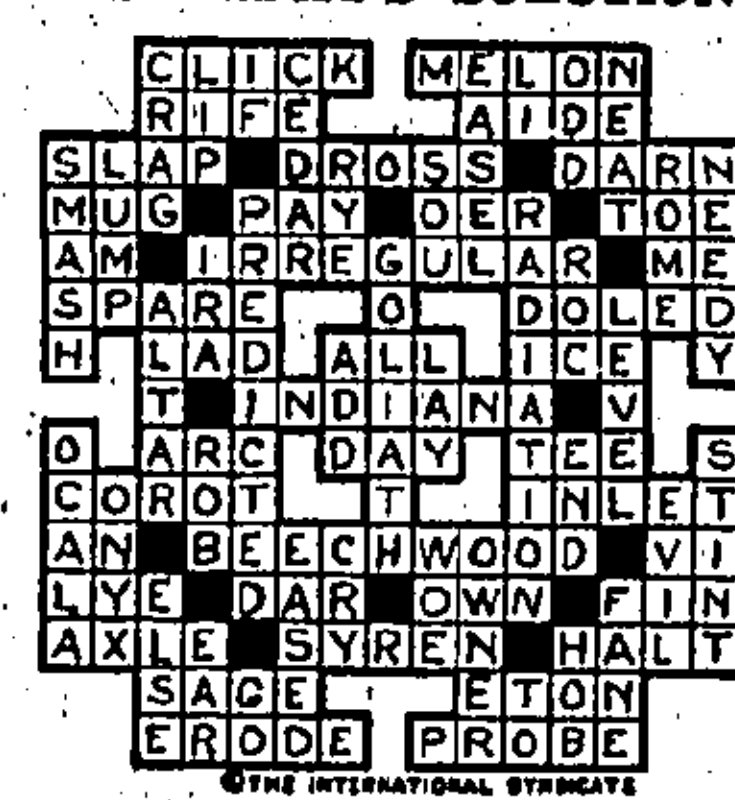
- 1—A shrub
- 4—Exclamation
- 5—Measure of length
- 6—Some of a number
- 6—Newspaper paragraph
- 7—A province of Canada (abbr.)
- 8—Fastened with laces
- 9—Dov's name (short)
- 10—A prolonged exclamation
- 12—The defense of anyone
- 13—Barrier to check the flow of a stream
- 15—Natural cavity beneath earth's surface
- 17—Furrier's

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 19—Group of people working for one goal
- 21—In bed
- 22—Bragged
- 23—One who labors
- 27—Bottom surface of a room
- 28—Establishment for raising horses
- 30—A puzzle representing a word
- 31—A flower
- 32—To be indebted to
- 36—Also
- 37—A greasy liquid
- 42—Thin and filmy
- 43—Tread
- 44—Heavy cord
- 45—Small rocks
- 46—A military body
- 50—A colt
- 52—Skin on the top of the skull
- 54—Jumps
- 55—Older persons (abbr.)
- 56—Mix
- 57—A musical instrument
- 59—Arid
- 61—A rodent
- 62—Act
- 65—Period of time (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on February 1, 1928— CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam	16' 6" B	12' 2" B
Tytam Bywash	25' 4" B	23' 3" B
Tytam Intermediate	Level	2' 3" B
Tytam Tuk	23' 1" B	34' 0" B
Wong Nei Chung	19' 0" B	9' 3" B
Pokfulum	21' 5" B	22' 2" B

(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow." A denotes "Above Overflow.")

	1926	1927
Tytam	259.44	280.32
Tytam Bywash	50	1.47
Tytam Intermediate	105.10	155.45
Tytam Tuk	915.42	722.00
Wong Nei Chung	10.51	11.20
Pokfulum	21.75	20.40

Total

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

Consumption

Fully Supply in all Districts on January 31st.

Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts from 1st to 2nd January excepting the districts west of Eastern Street an intermittent supply was given 1st to 2nd January, 1928.

Intermittent supply in all Rider Main Districts from 3rd to 31st January excepting 8 days 21st to 28th a full supply was operated on account of Chinese New Year.

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	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir ..	14' 8" B	7' 3" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir ..	1' 3" B	1' 10" B
Reception Reservoir ..	Level	2' 2" B

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir ..	217.24	281.19
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir ..	95.71	93.36
Reception Reservoir ..	32.15	27.45

Total

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

Consumption

Estimated population 155,500

Consumption per head

per day

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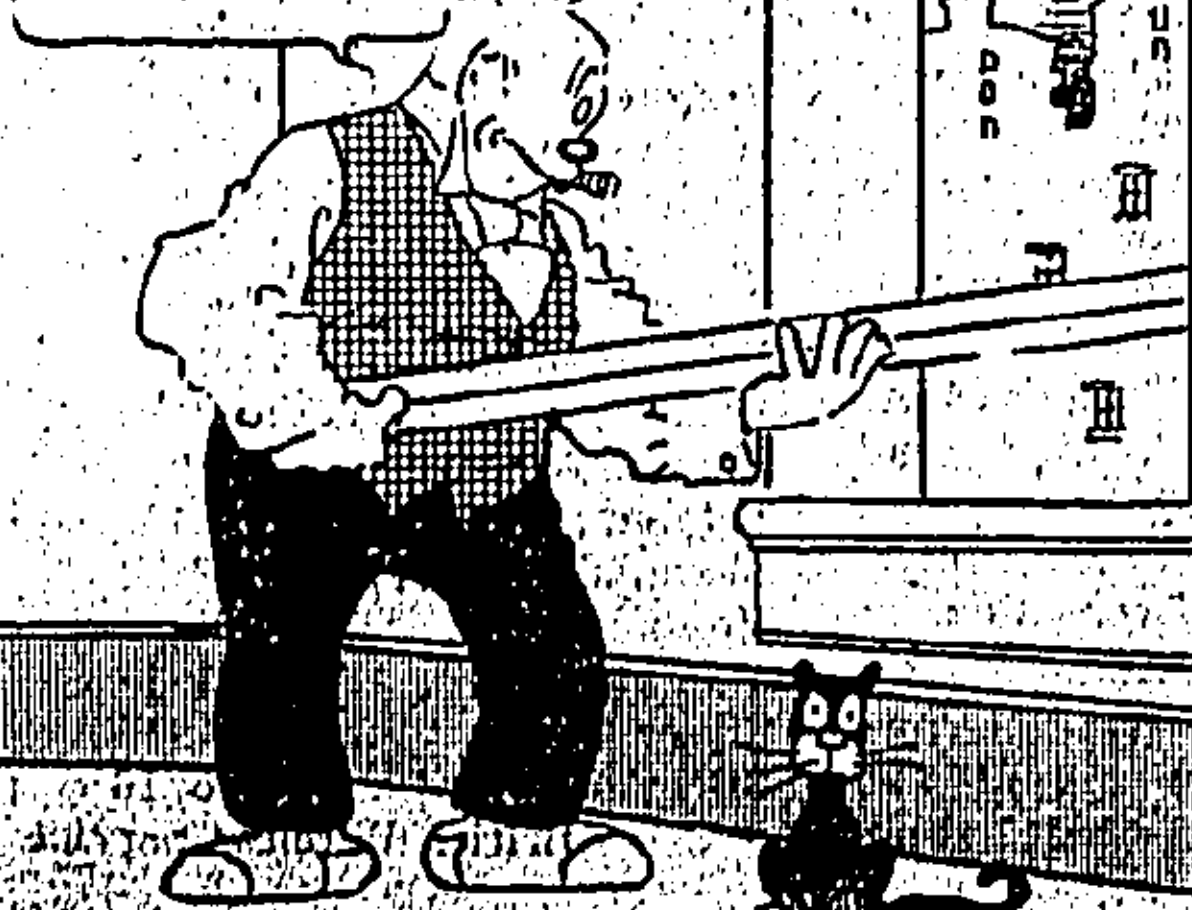
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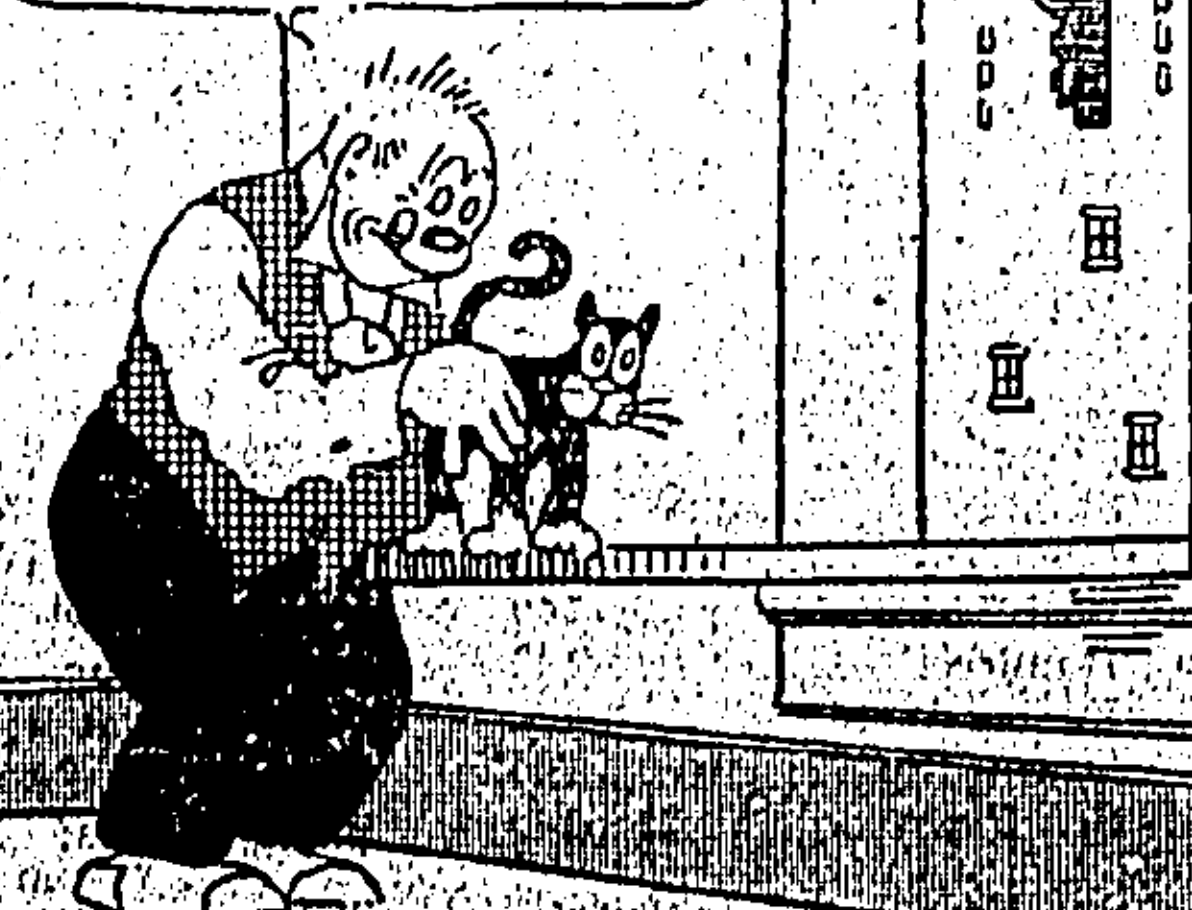
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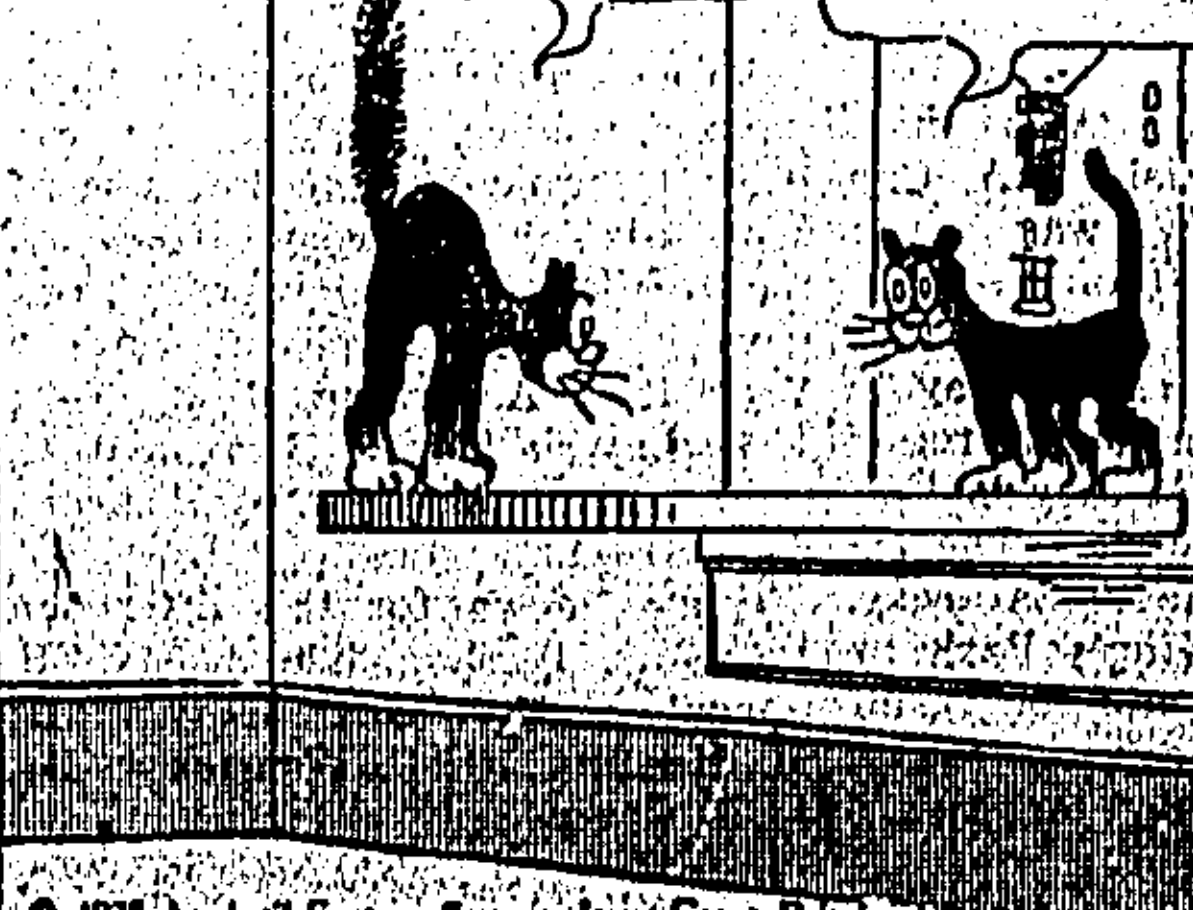
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EDUCATION FOR MARRIAGE.

Are the increasing number of unsuccessful marriages, as instanced by the growing lists of divorce cases, due to the inadequate preparation of young brides and bridegrooms?

Many interesting views on this important topic have been given at conferences held in London.

Much discussion is likely to be aroused by the suggestion that proper education for marriage—a sort of school for young couples—might obviate many of the pitfalls which make for unhappy homes.

Neglect of their duties on the part of mothers towards their daughters was suggested as the origin of some marital troubles by Dr. Alice Hutchison, of Great Ormond Street Hospital, London.

"In many homes the preparation of a girl for marriage mainly consists in clothes and a trousseau," she said.

"In America, I understand, they have begun to prepare young men and women for marriage in classes, but I think that is a most appalling reflection upon the parents of those young people.

"Fathers and mothers ought, from their own experience, to instruct these young people."

Dr. Hutchison said they wanted to see children absolutely break the tie of dependence upon their mothers.

"We see the young man who won't marry because he won't leave his mother. People say: 'How beautiful!' The truth is that he won't leave his mother because he is a baby and won't break the tie. He can't do without her.

Cause of Selfishness.

"We want fully grown men who will leave home and take a wife, not as a second mother, but as a mate.

"What seems to outside people to be excellent parenthood often means failure to the child. If you make a child a baby you make him selfish, and a fully grown man he will never be.

"The hardest thing for parents is to sit still among their children. They are for ever jumping up to show the children how to do things.

"There is no need to do this. They want to teach the child to draw. Children will learn how to draw by themselves, if they are left alone.

"There is far too much domination in parenthood—too much interference with the child's development.

"Thus domination goes to such lengths in some families that the children are not allowed to contradict their parents, and they are not allowed opinions of their own.

"The trouble is we all want to be spoonfed, and not to think for ourselves. Yet the great joy of parenthood is to think out all the problems concerning the children."

Dr. Hutchison had some outspoken things to say on the subject of birth control, which, she declared, had wrecked many marriages.

"I am not discussing the question for or against it," she added. "Birth control wrecks marriages because the maternal urge cannot be quenched so easily.

"If you put a difficulty in the way of that urge you will find women harbouring a feeling of animosity against their husbands. The husband may argue that his wife agreed to have no more children, but the fact remains that she did not know herself how strong the urge was.

"At the present time there is a real difficulty because of the expense of bringing up children, and therefore the use of birth control is having a very deleterious effect upon women," she added.

"It is producing that terrible monstrosity—the only child. We may come to speak, not of drink, but of 'only-childism,' as the greatest curse of this country."

Mr. J. J. Mallon, warden of Toynbee Hall, dealing with the fathers' problems, referred to the decrease in the birth-rate.

He suggested that by 1932 there would be a real shortage of young people for industrial work. This was one of the problems which the industrial world would be obliged to face in the near future.

In an address on "Education for Marriage," Captain Pitt-Rivers, of the Eugenics Society, said there were valuable psychological lessons to be learned in the study of pagan marriage systems which threw light upon our own problems.

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"In the past history of our culture," he said, "we were taught to invest the whole subject of sex with a cloak of horror, mystery, and contempt. It gradually became an accepted axiom that it must not be spoken of or referred to seriously.

Keeping it Dark.

"The only reference to it that is even to-day normally tolerated must be by sly allusion. Any decent reference to sex is looked upon as indecent, and any indirect lewd reference as witty. The whole subject still suffers from a morbid taboo.

"The depreciation and repression of the female sex instinct," declared Captain Pitt-Rivers, "are responsible for the bankruptcy of Christian monogamous marriage, and there are strong indications that it will eventually have to be modified.

"The effects of the sex ratio, and of a growing thought, not as yet exceedingly intelligent or conscious, reveal again that existing conditions must sooner or later bring this about.

"Sweden has already taken a step in according legal recognition to unions outside marriage, and it may be in the direction of a form of concubinage that our present marriage system will be modified.

"I take it that there are few among those who think at all who would dare to suggest that there is not something very disturbing and unhealthy in our present regulation of the marriage state and sexual relations.

"The constant clamour for the reform of our marriage and divorce laws, the agitation in favour of equality of the sexes and for raising the female age of consent, and the patent evidence of marital unhappiness are all tacit admissions that all is not well with marriage in Christendom.

Present-Day Effects.

"The women's movement, the breakdown of our marriage system, and the revolt of women of Christendom are in their extreme forms peculiar to our present European culture. These signs of maladaptation and of violation of function, and of instinct are not to be paralleled in the ancient cultures of the Orient, nor among the barbarian peoples to their pagan state."

Mrs. C. D. S. Hodson said that the more they looked what was called "Puritanism" straight in the face, the more they realised that it was nothing more than hideous Eastern dualism still masquerading among us in a new dress. They must have teaching of the facts of life from the very start, and eventually they must have ad hoc teaching for marriage.

Dame Katherine Furze referred to the misery caused by the lack of information given either by parents or teachers, and advocated the giving to children of the facts through their parents or in schools in order to enable them to make up their minds as to how they would behave in the future.

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TYRES AT HOME.

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London, Yesterday. Further important developments are to take place in the manufacture of rubber tyres in this country. It is learned that both the Firestone and Pirelli companies, who have hitherto supplied this market from their factories outside this country, are building new works here. They are preparing for a large output.

There are now three firms who have taken this step since Mr. Churchill in the last budget included tyres in the same fiscal category as motorcars and imposed on them an import duty of 33 1/3 per cent. The third is Messrs. Goodyear, who announced last July that they were establishing a factory at Wolverhampton where they would employ 1,000 men on tyre making—British Wireless Service.

"SOVIET PEACE."

DISARMAMENT CONVENTION DRAFT.

IN FOUR YEARS.

Geneva, Yesterday. The text of the Soviet of Russia's draft disarmament convention has been published.

It consists of 63 Articles designed to provide complete world disarmament in four years, after which it proposes, as a means of protection, that the customs' guards, local police, and various other guards be retained and armed with magazine rifles but unorganised for war purposes; also the establishment of a maritime police service for the protection of trade routes on the seas to be divided in 16 zones over which regional groups of states will assume responsibility as a sort of "Sea Mandatories."

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It is a ruthless disarmament programme on similar lines to that of M. Litvinoff's proposals of last November.—Reuter.

NARROW VICTORY.

SEIYUKAI WINS JAPAN ELECTIONS.

Tokyo, Yesterday. The Home Office official election figures show that the Seiyukai has won 215 seats; the Minseitō 212; Independents 16; Proletarians 8; Businessmen's Party 4; Reform Party 3.

This completes the total, except the eight seats for the Lochoo Islands, the returns of which at present have not been received.

The Home Office does not expect any important change from the foregoing. Independents and Proletarians are now being wooed by both the major parties for the control of the Diet, which will probably meet in special session in March.

Political Uncertainty. Osaka, Yesterday. Analysing the elections the leading businessmen point out that the country has clearly failed to express whether it desires the leadership of Baron Tanaka or Mr. Hamaguchi, and fear that the result means the continuance of political uncertainty. It is considered that the Minseitō has done remarkably well. Supporters of the Proletarian Parties are disappointed, though it is pointed out that their candidates secured a surprisingly large number of votes in the cities. Their failure in the country districts is ascribed to the fact that the peasantry is not yet educated up to the tenets of radicalism.

The newly elected Proletarian members of the Diet refuse to give opinions concerning financial problems but unanimously clamour for the relief of unemployment.—Reuter.

Final Figures. The final official election figures show the Seiyukai have 221 and the Minseitō 214 seats. Each party is busily bidding the Independents to join it.—Reuter.

DRY CANDIDATE.

Hoover Declares For Prohibition.

U.S.A. SENSATION.

Democrats May Retaliate With State Option Proposals.

Washington, Yesterday. Mr. Hoover has proclaimed himself a strong supporter of prohibition. In a letter to Sena-



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tor Borah who sent out a questionnaire to all potential presidential candidates, he declares that the United States has undertaken a great social and economic experiment, noble in motive and far-reaching in purpose.

This is Hoover's first prohibition declaration and it has caused a sensation, some deeming it bad policy, as it will alienate a large



Al. Smith, Governor of New York also a potential Presidential Candidate.

wet following in the Republican ranks. It is generally believed that both the Republicans and Democrats would shelve prohibition in the election, but Hoover's announcement will probably give impetus to the problem. The Democrats may possibly adopt Al. Smith's system of State option for light wines and beer as a popular counter-attraction to the officially dry Republican platform.—Reuter's American Service.

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London, Yesterday. Experts calculate that Hinkler's flying time on his remarkable England-Australia flight was approximately 180 hours. His little machine has a cruising speed of 90 miles an hour and the Cirrus engine, although of 30 horsepower is capable of developing 80. It gave not the slightest trouble and did not even miss "once throughout the journey and was running as sweetly after the end of the run as before it started. This is not the only notable achievement to Hinkler's credit; his flying experience ranges over every type of aeroplane. The little machine used on the present flight was the same which he recently used on the non-stop journey from London to Riga. Hinkler's consummate skill and daring are warmly praised by the Press and a tribute is paid to his modesty which adds an additional note of triumph to his success.

Discussing the practical importance of the flight the newspapers recognise that it will bring new problems of modifications in design which will permit of such machines carrying passengers and cargo. The "Manchester Guardian" still believes that distant air travel of the future will be by airship and recognising that good fortune in the matter of weather favoured

U.S. NAVAL CUTS.

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FEWER SUBMARINES.

Revised Programme At Mercy Of Any Limitation Agreement.

Washington, Yesterday. Representatives of the Naval Committee have decided to authorise the construction of 15 cruisers and one aircraft carrier as against 71 vessels demanded by Mr. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy.

The committee rejected the nine proposed destroyer leaders and 32 submarines and also approved the proviso that in the event of the United States signing an international agreement for further naval limitation the President would be empowered to suspend the whole or part of the authorised programme.—Reuter's American Service.

Much Cheaper. The cost of the new programme is estimated at \$274,000,000 compared with \$740,000,000 for Mr. Wilbur's programme. Both the figures are exclusive of aircraft and increased personnel.

The committee decided that the first vessel will be laid down within three years of the passage of the bills, and the programme must be completed in six years.—Reuter.

AT THE FAIR.

ROYAL VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM.

London, Yesterday. The King and Queen who on Tuesday visited the London section of the British Industries Fair to-day made the Journey from London to Birmingham to see the section of the fair in that city.

Sir Austin Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, who is the member of Parliament for West Birmingham and Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, President of the Board of Trade, travelled in the Royal train. Upon arrival at Birmingham the Royal party drove in motorcars to the exhibition, being enthusiastically greeted en route.

Their Majesties were welcomed at the exhibition by the local authorities and prominent industrialists. After spending the best part of the afternoon inspecting the exhibits their Majesties returned to London.—British Wireless Service.

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